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State govt. for handing over Mangaluru blast case to NIA

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The Karnataka government on Thursday officially recommended handing over the investigation into the Mangaluru cooker blast case to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

A letter to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, by the Additional Chief Secretary of the Home Department, said that based on the investigation carried out so far, including the examination of materials recovered from the scene and other evidence collected, Sections 16, 38, and 39 of the UAPA have been invoked.

"As this is a scheduled offence under Section 6 of the NIA Act, 2008, the matter is being submitted for further necessary actions," the letter said.

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SC questions 'lightning speed' of EC appointment

'It was done with such haste... Didn't you require time to contemplate,' Justice Joseph asks Centre on Goel's posting; Justice Rastogi flags 'superfast mechanism' used to fill a post vacant since May

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court, after inspecting official files on Thursday, said that the appointment of Arun Goel as Election Commissioner was done with "lightning speed", the procedure taking less than 24 hours from start to finish on November 18.

A Constitution Bench, led by Justice K.M. Joseph, had asked Attorney-General R. Venkataramani on Wednesday to produce the files concerning Mr. Goel's appointment after petitioners alleged that it was "hurriedly" done. In fact, the appointment was made the very next day after the court started examining the need to insulate the Election Commission from political influence by setting up a "neutral and independent mechanism" for appointment of Election Commissioners.

> A Chief Election Commissioner is a person to be appointed in his own right. You [government] have made it into a promotion source. You are supposed to appoint a person directly as CEC. You have made ECs a feeder category. The founding fathers contemplated a CEC who will hold office for six years independently... not as a promotion
>
> **JUSTICE K.M. JOSEPH**
> Supreme Court

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, for a petitioner, said Mr. Goel was a secretary in the government on Friday. He took voluntary retirement that day and was appointed an Election Commissioner on Saturday and took charge on Monday.

"It was done with such haste... with a tearing urgency... You did not require time to contemplate?" Justice Joseph asked the government side.

Justice Ajay Rastogi, on the five-judge Bench, said the Election Commissioner's post was vacant from May.

"The vacancy was there from May to November 18... Now, what prevailed on the government that everything needed to be done within the shortest possible time... This superfast mechanism... We know that where there is a will there is a way, but here the notification was brought out on the same day, the application was given the same day, it was accepted the same day and the appointment was made the same day... The file has not travelled even 24 hours! Lightning speed... What kind of evaluation was there?" Justice Rastogi asked.

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Domestic demand to offset effect of global downturn: Ministry

Inflation pattern change

Intially in 2022, retail inflation was largely driven by edible oil and fats which reflects imported inflation. Since June, domestic components of food have spurred inflation

Retail inflation in 2022

	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
Cereals	5.0	6.0	5.3	5.7	6.9	9.6	11.5	12.1
Clothing	9.4	9.9	8.9	9.5	9.9	9.9	10.2	10.2
Food	7.5	8.1	7.8	7.6	6.7	7.6	8.4	7.0
Fuel	7.5	10.7	9.5	10.1	11.8	10.8	10.4	9.9
Oils & fats	18.7	17.3	13.3	9.4	7.5	4.6	0.4	-2.2
Vegetables	11.6	15.3	18.3	17.3	10.9	13.3	18.2	7.8

Source: MOSPI

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The outlook for India's exports may be dented by the global slowdown driven by the confluence of stubbornly high inflation, rising borrowing costs and geopolitical tensions, but "resilient" domestic demand and a "re-invigorated" investment cycle will push the economy's growth and spark a rebound in jobs in the coming months, the Finance Ministry said on Thursday.

The recent inflation pressures had been driven more by local factors, including higher food prices, than imported reasons, the Ministry said in its monthly review of the economy.

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Border row: All-party meeting next week

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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that he would be convening an all-party meeting next week to discuss the Karnataka - Maharashtra border issue comprehensively. » PAGE 4

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Unemployment rate sees a decline in July-September 2022

7.2 In %, the unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years during July-September 2022 in urban areas from 9.8% a year ago, the National Statistical Office (NSO) informed. Unemployment rate is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force. Joblessness was high in July-September 2021 due to the impact of COVID-related restrictions in India. PTI

Record high drop in the immunisation for measles in children

40 In million, the number of children missing a measles vaccine dose last year, since the coronavirus pandemic began, the World Health Organisation and the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention informed. In 2021, officials said there were 9 million measles infections, and 1,28,000 deaths worldwide. Measles is among the world's most contagious diseases. AP

Assam Cabinet approves fund to build anganwadi centres

2,000 The number of anganwadi centres to be constructed in Assam, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma informed. The Assam Cabinet approved ₹500 crore to build new anganwadi centres in rural areas. The cabinet approved ₹22.41 crore to set up the College of Sericulture in Jorhat to boost the handloom sector. PTI

Passport issued to Ukrainian residents of four regions by Russia

80,000 The number of Russian passports issued to residents of four Ukrainian territories since President Vladimir Putin annexed the regions in September, Russia's migration official said. In September, Russia held referendums in four regions of Ukraine — Donetsk, Lugansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson. AFP

Record rise in COVID-19 cases in China since April, 2022

31,444 The number of COVID-19 infections recorded in China on Thursday, a record high since April. The resurgence of infections, nearly three years after the pandemic emerged in Wuhan, casts doubt on investor hopes for China to ease its rigid zero-COVID policy soon, despite recent more-targeted measures. Reuters

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Riots at China's iPhone assembly plant

What led to the mass protests by workers at the Foxconn factory in Zhengzhou in China? How is the local government reacting to the protests? How did Foxconn and Apple respond to the clashes between thousands of police and factory workers? How will it impact iPhone production?

EXPLAINER

Ananth Krishnan

The story so far:

Videos on Chinese social media on November 23 showed hundreds of workers protesting and clashing with police at the Foxconn factory in Zhengzhou, in central China's Henan province. The videos showed violent clashes between workers and thousands of hazmat-clad police deployed at the facility, where workers have been, for several weeks, protesting living conditions and delays in pay amid a COVID-19 outbreak and subsequent lockdown. The continuing unrest at the plant has turned the spotlight on China's "zero-COVID" policy and the impact on both workers' conditions and global supply chains as the world's second-largest economy continues with stringent COVID-19 measures.

What led to the protests?

Zhengzhou, where Taiwanese electronics giant Foxconn established the world's largest iPhone assembly facility, has been dealing with a wave of COVID-19 cases since September. Reports in October said an outbreak at the Foxconn facility led to workers being locked down in dormitories for several weeks. Dramatic images in late-October showed some workers climbing the walls of the factories to escape the lockdown and walking back to their hometowns along highways, reminiscent of the migrant worker exodus seen during India's lockdown in March 2020.

With workers leaving, the local government has sought to hire hundreds of replacements, with reports in the Chinese media saying as many as one lakh new workers are being recruited to ensure Apple's supply chain remains undisrupted. The latest protests appear to have been carried out by some of the new recruits, who have, in videos, complained that they were denied the payments promised. Some have also complained of conditions in the factory and alleged they were not separated from COVID-19 positive cases.

AFP

How have the Chinese government, Foxconn and Apple responded?

The Chinese government has cracked down forcefully on the protesters, and videos on November 23 showed thousands of riot police, all clad in white hazmat suits, surrounding the facility and clashing with workers. Some clips showed the white-clad security personnel beating up and kicking workers. Videos were being live streamed on Chinese social media websites by some of the protesters, before being taken down.

The response has been in keeping with the harsh enforcement of COVID-19 lockdowns across China. Just this week, there were also clashes between hazmat-clad police and people protesting lockdowns in southern Guangdong province, underlining growing public discontent at the continuing lockdowns as part of the "zero-COVID" policy three years into the pandemic.

Foxconn, in a statement, denied the workers' claims, saying it had fulfilled contracts and that allegations of workers not being separated from COVID-19 cases were "untrue". Apple said, in a statement, it had "Apple team members on the ground at our supplier Foxconn's Zhengzhou facility" and was "reviewing the situation and working closely with Foxconn to ensure their employees' concerns are addressed." On November 23, reports said Foxconn would offer a payment for workers to leave, suggesting it wanted the recently arrived replacements, who have been involved in the protests, to leave the facility and to find new hires.

How will the protests impact Apple's iPhone deliveries?

Since the COVID-19 outbreak in Zhengzhou, Apple has expressed concerns that its iPhone 14 shipments will be hit ahead of the key holiday season in the U.S., when orders are likely to surge. Foxconn's Zhengzhou plant employed two lakh workers and was the biggest for Apple anywhere in the world.

Reuters had reported in October that Apple was already bracing for disruptions, even prior to the latest protests. With the departing new workers, the facility will likely take weeks to return to full capacity, although Foxconn said it was looking to offset disruptions by ramping up production in other facilities.

Foxconn produces around 70% of Apple's iPhones. *Reuters* reported that while the Taiwanese firm is also looking to up production in India, it is still largely reliant on the Zhengzhou factory for assembly of most of its global output.

THE GIST

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Russia's nuclear icebreakers and militarisation of the Arctic

What is the significance of the newly launched icebreakers? Why are countries racing to display power in the Arctic? What is India's position?

Dinakar Peri

The story so far:

On November 22, Russian President Vladimir Putin virtually presided over the launch and flag raising ceremony of two nuclear-powered icebreakers at St. Petersburg and said such icebreakers were of "strategic importance". As climate change opens up the Arctic giving access to new routes and resources, there is a race by adjoining countries to build up their militaries and Russia has a clear lead over them.

Why are the Russian icebreakers significant?

Speaking at the launch ceremony, Mr. Putin said both icebreakers were laid down as part of their large-scale, systematic work to re-equip and replenish the domestic icebreaker fleet, to strengthen Russia's status as a "great Arctic power." The 173.3-metre-long 'Yakutia', with a displacement of up to 33,540 tonnes, was launched into water and can break through three metres of ice. The flag was raised on another vessel Ural, which is expected to become operational in December, while the Yakutia will join service by end-2024, Mr. Putin said.

There are two already similar vessels in service, Arktika and Sibir. Mr. Putin said that a much more powerful 209-metre-long nuclear icebreaker "Rossiya," displacing up to 71,380 tonnes, would be completed by 2027.

In the last two decades, Russia has reactivated several Soviet era Arctic military bases and upgraded its capabilities.

Mr. Putin talked of the importance of the Northern Sea Route, which cuts down time to reach Asia by up to two weeks compared to the current route via the Suez canal. In line with this, the updated Russian naval doctrine, unveiled in July, envisages "diversifying and stepping up naval activities on the Spitsbergen, Franz Josef Land and Novaya Zemlya archipelagos and Wrangel Island."

In the backdrop of the war on Ukraine, on March 3, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the U.S. announced that they would "temporarily pause participation in all meetings of the [Arctic] Council and its subsidiary bodies...".

Why are countries racing towards the Arctic?

There has been a race among Arctic states and near-Arctic states to augment their capabilities in a bid to be ready to capitalise on the melting Arctic. Russian military modernisation in the Arctic has prompted other Arctic states to join the bandwagon. Unlike Antarctica, the Arctic is not a global common accentuating the problem.

For instance, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) has been conducting regular exercises in the region while partner countries are investing in upgrading military capabilities. At the same time, China, which calls itself to be a near-Arctic state, has also announced ambitious plans for a 'polar silk route' to connect to Europe as well building massive icebreakers.

Where does India stand with respect to the Arctic?

Since 2007, India has an Arctic research programme with as many as 13 expeditions undertaken till date. In March 2022, India unveiled its first Arctic policy titled: 'India and the Arctic: building a partnership for sustainable development'. India is also one of the 13 Observers in the Arctic Council, the leading intergovernmental forum promoting cooperation in the Arctic.

As the earth further heats up, which is more profound at the poles, the race for the Arctic is set to accelerate which makes the Arctic the next geopolitical hotspot with all interests converging on it - environmental, economic, political and military.

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State govt. for handing over blast case to NIA

Besides the UAPA, provisions of the Explosive Substances Act and Indian Penal Code have been invoked in the case registered by Kankanady Town police, Mangaluru.

The low-intensity blast in an autorickshaw that injured two people in Mangaluru on November 19 has been declared by the police as "not accidental but an act of terror intended to cause serious damage". The suspect in the incident was identified as Mohammed Shariq, who was travelling under a fake identity.

Claims of 'ICR'

Meanwhile, the State police stepped up the probe to check on an outfit, Islamic Resistance Council (IRC), which has claimed responsibility for the blast, saying one of its "Mujahid brother Mohammed Shariq" attempted to attack a "Hindu temple in Kadri". Police sources said they are verifying the origin of this one-page letter and have sought the help of cybercrime officials to track down its source.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (November 25, Friday), the following explainer is available:

- Riots at China's iPhone assembly plant
bit.ly/chinaiphoneprotests

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SWR studying feasibility of doubling line from Yelahanka to Devanahalli

This comes after a recent visit by Railway Minister to KIA Halt Station; the railways is running MEMU trains to the airport using the same line

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a move that will aid in increasing services to the airport, the South Western Railway (SWR) is exploring the feasibility of doubling the railway line from Yelahanka to Devanahalli.

This comes after a recent visit by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) Halt Station. The Minister had reviewed existing train services to the airport, and during his visit, the suggestion had come for doubling the line which will help in providing more services on the corridor.

The Kempegowda International Airport Halt Station in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The SWR had started providing train services to the airport by running DEMU trains in January 2021, and after the electrification of the line, MEMU trains services were introduced in July. Though an affordable mass transit system is available to the airport, due to various factors, patronage to the train services has remained poor all these months. The SWR and BIAL, the operator of the airport, deliberated on measures to increase the patronage for the existing service, but nothing has worked so far.

Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shyam Singh said that doubling of the line is being studied. "The proposal to double the line is in its nascent stage. We are studying its feasibility."

The Yelahanka-Devanahalli line is part of Bengaluru-Chickballapur light railway (narrow gauge - 62 km) which became operational in August 1915. Considering the historical significance, the SWR had signed an agreement with INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage) to restore four heritage stations on the line: Doddajala, Devanahalli, Avathihalli and Nandi.

'Helpful in many ways'

Rail activist Sanjeev Dyamannavar said, "Doubling of the line will help in many ways that include increasing the frequency of services, running trains as per schedules, and bringing down the travel time. The existing single track poses several operational constraints. During his visit, the Railway Minister too was convinced about upgrading the infrastructure and running more trains on the corridor. There is a need to implement an automatic signalling system in the city to bring more efficiency in train services."

Rajkumar Dugar of Citizens for Citizens added, "Punctuality of the trains between the city and Airport is very poor. The major reasons include single track between Yelahanka and Devenahalli and Baiyppanahalli to Channasandra line. Other factors include authorities not giving required importance for improving patronage. In the coming days, the footfall at KIA will increase at a rapid rate with the commissioning of Terminal II. In the interest of the air passengers and employees working at KIA, there is a need to provide a rail network from Doddajala that gives seamless access to the terminals."

While sanctioning the suburban rail project, K-RIDE (Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited), the agency executing the project, was asked to construct 41 km KSR Bengaluru-Devanahalli line on a priority basis. However, the KRIDE 'de-prioritised' the line and considered Baiyappanahalli-Chikkabanavara corridor as a priority.

The KRIDE has been criticised for buying time to float the tender for the corridor.

Aircraft stands at T2 to be commissioned on Dec. 29

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has issued an Aeronautical Information Publication Supplement (AIP) stating that effective from December 29, aircraft stands and a portion of a taxilane will be commissioned at the Kempegowda International Airport's (KIA) Terminal 2.

The phase 1 of Terminal 2 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 11, but it is yet to be operational. "The purpose of this AIP Supplement is to inform the stakeholders (Airlines, Air Navigation Service Provider, Regulator etc.) likely to use the information pertaining to commissioning of aircraft stands V36 to V63 and extended portion of Taxilane M between Taxilane D and aircraft stand V36 for newly built Terminal 2 at KIA, Bengaluru," stated the AIP.

> A few stands will be opened and aircraft will be allowed to park there. When it says that stands are being commissioned, it means the stands would be available for use.
> EXPERT

An aviation expert said that the AIP effectively informs that the Terminal-2 is not yet been commissioned and it can start from December 29.

"A few stands will be opened and aircraft will be allowed to park there. When it says that stands are being commissioned it means the stands would be available for use," an expert said.

Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Hari Marar recently said that the Terminal 2 will become operational in one-and-a-half or two months and that a few more trials including a security sweep were pending. Phase 1, covering 255,645 square metres, will cater to 25 million passengers per annum.

Chitra Santhe on January 8

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru's annual date with art will be back as the 20th Chitra Santhe will be held on January 8 with new arrangements to expand its global audience through the new online portal.

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath (CKP) will be organising its second physical Chitra Santhe post COVID and over 1,500 artists from all across the country will be participating. "During the pandemic, we held an online santhe and expanded our global audience. People from about 72 countries visited our exhibition and artists from about 16 countries participated, which gave us perspective on the prominence of online platform for events such as ours," said B.L. Shankar, Chairman, CKP, on Thursday.

"We are making arrangements to work with our IT department to take Chitra Santhe 2023 online as well," he added.

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Dug-up road hits traffic in K.R. Puram; police repair stretch after getting no help

The dug-up road that caused traffic snarls in K.R. Puram on Thursday. BHARAT GOWDA B.R.

Bharath Gowda B.R.
BENGALURU

A dug-up road caused traffic snarls to a point where the traffic police was prompted to tweet to the civic body's Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath to repair the road in K.R. Puram on Thursday after several calls to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) went unanswered.

Motorists were seen struggling to negotiate the stretch. "Some simple precautionary measures and a plan should be in place while doing any construction work. Otherwise, it causes a lot of inconvenience to commuters," Namrutha B., a resident of Ayyappanagar, said.

The K.R. Puram traffic police then tweeted, "Nobody from BBMP responding to our call. Pls send someone to close this pit sir."

After a few hours, in another tweet, they wrote, "Somehow we have manage to close the pit temporary by filling it with mud. It requires some concrete to fix the pit completely and permanently."

It later turned out that the problem was caused due to work undertaken by the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom). According to K.R. Puram BBMP officials, the BWSSB was installing a water pipe from the last few days and while installing the pipe, the construction vehicle damaged the electricity cable of Bescom, which led to massive traffic jams at Hoodi Main Road.

Mahadevapura MLA Aravind Limbavali visited the spot on Thursday and asked the authorities concerned to fix the road soon. Speaking to *The Hindu*, Geetha, assistant engineer, Devasandra, Bescom, said, "While the construction work was going on, a JCB damaged the electricity cable. Due to rain last night and this damage, there was power cut. Bescom has been working since last night to close this dug up area."

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Public notice is hereby given that Mr. Vinay son of G. Basavaraj aged 44 years, residing at No 131, 7th B Road, 3rd Block, 4th Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079 - intends to purchase site bearing No 8 and Site bearing No 9 each measuring 1648 Sq.ft carved out in Survey no 6, situated at Obanayakanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, in the layout know as "Rashi Gateway- II (approved vide order No. NPA:LAO:29:2014-15 dated 19-08-2015).

Any persons including legal heirs, having any claim, rights, title, interests or objections over the said flat, shall inform the undersigned in writing with supporting proofs within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any such claim by anyone shall not be considered.

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SEHAR, D/o Mohammed Nassir, R/a No.H2, Sai Aster Apt, Balaji Enclave, 11th Main Road, Anantapura, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064 have changed my name from Sehar to Saher Mohammed vide affidavit dt: 19.9.2022 sworn before Notary G R Ravichandra Reddy, B'lore.

I, MANGALA Nagaraj.K, W/o Nagaraj.K, R/at No.5, Druva, Opp. Ayyappa Temple, Hebbal, Kempapura, Bangalore-560024, have changed my name to Mangala Gopalkarambekar vide affidavit dated 22-11-2022 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

I, VENKATACHALAIAH, R/at Habbathanahalli Village, Mallasandra Post, Tumakuru-572107, have changed my name from Venkatachalaiah to Venkatachalaiah Venkataiah vide affidavit dated 24-11-2022 before Notary V. Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

I, MANJULA, R/at No.74, 2nd Cross, Lakshmi Sagar Layout, Mahadevapura, Bangalore-560048, have changed my name from Manjula to Manjula Prakash vide affidavit dated 24-11-2022 before Notary V. Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

I, VENKATESH, R/at No.78, Maligenhalli Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru-562110, have chamged my name from Venkatesh to Venkatesh Venkatashamappa vide affidavit dated 24-11-2022 before Notary V. Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

I, MANJULA, R/at No.294, 3rd Main, 11th Cross, Kirloskar Layout, Nagasandra, Bangalore-560073, have changed my name from Manjula to Manjula Yellappa, vide affidavit dated 24-11-2022 before Notary V. Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VISHRAANTH TN (New name), S/o Kondiah & Jayamma, R/o #95, Ground Floor, Kannur Lane, Near Kadusonapanahalli Bus Stop, B'lore-562149 have changed my name from Raaghuu & Raghu.K (old names)to Vishraanth TN vide affidavit dt: 24.11.2022 sworn before Notary L.Gopalakrishna, B'lore.

I, Lt General Ravi Eipe, Retired R/o 532, 16 Main Road, 3 Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru, do hereby state, that in my service PPO the name of my spouse is entered as Sherine Eipe. But her correct name is Sherine Sara Eipe vide affidavit dated: 23.11.2022, sworn before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

I, Sumedha Shivkumar Murgodi W/o Mahesh Baburao Hirekodi R/o House no: 556 Misale chouk At/p : kanagala Tal: Hukkeri Dist : Belagavi 591225 have changed my name to Sumedha Mahesh Hirekodi for all purposes vide affidavit sworn before B.A Shindihatti, Kochari, 591340 Dated : 09/Jun/2022

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26 ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYOHALL, AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. No. 26196/2017
BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Vinaykumar Vasu. ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
Mr. Vinaykumar Vasy Kanchan
S/o. Vimala, Aged about 49 years, Residing at No.1694, 'A' Block, AECS Layout, Singhasandra, Begur Hobli, Bangalore - 560068.
Whereas, the Plaint is filed by the Plaintiff Bank, against the Defendant seeking Judgment and Decree for recovery of loan amount of **Rs. 3,16,190.93 (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety and Paise Ninety Three Only)** together with interest at the rate of 21% P.A. from the date of filing of the Suit to till the date of decree.
Hence, the Defendant hereby gave this notice to appear before the 26th Addl., City Civil and Session Judge, Mayohall at Bangalore Court (CCH-20) 11/01/2023 At 11.AM either personally or through his Counsel to answer to the Plaint failing which, the case will be heard and decided ex- parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the court this the 22/11/2022.
Place : Bangalore
Date: 16.11.2022
By Order of the Court
Deputy registrar
City Civil Court Mayahall (Unit) Bangalore
Plaintiff Counsel
M.G.C. & Co.,
Advocate and Solicitors,
No. 66, 4th Cross, Xavier Layout, Bangalore-560047.

TENDERS

TENDER

International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) invites tenders for application of exterior protective coating on exposed brick wall at Maize DH Facility, Kunigal, Karnataka as described in https://www.cimmyt.org/careers/ (Tenders & Requests for Proposals)

TENDERS

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International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) invites tenders for construction of internal road at Maize DH Facility, Kunigal, Karnataka as described in https://www.cimmyt.org/careers/ (Tenders & Requests for Proposals)

TENDERS

TENDER

International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) invites tenders for supply of e-Rickshaw (model Vishwas Eloader) at Maize DH Facility, Kunigal, Karnataka as described in https://www.cimmyt.org/careers/ (Tenders & Requests for Proposals)

IN THE LIMELIGHT

Diego Luna as Cassian Andor from the show, *Andor*.

How 'Andor' transforms 'Star Wars': a layered Foucaultian critique of fascism

In the show, Tony Gilroy and his writers brilliantly portray how politics become personal for people living in a fascist state, and how surveillance, or the fear of it, wears people down

Aswin V. N.

Star Wars will not be the same again. The new *Star Wars* show, *Andor,* has changed it forever. There is no going back to the simplistic notions of light and dark, while conveniently ignoring the everyday struggle of people living under a technocratic fascist empire.

What showrunner Tony Gilroy and his writers have achieved is nothing short of a pop-culture coup and a benchmark for world building. They took a popular franchise with a deep legacy and lore, and successfully transformed it into something far, far better than what it was.

Getting the political tone right

An epic clash between liberty and dictatorship presents a great political setting. Yet, politics has remained a mere window-dressing for the PG-13 CGI spectacle that *Star Wars* has always been. The only exceptions to this are the shockingly-brutal children's cartoon series, *Clone Wars* and the gritty *Rogue One* (2016) that introduced the character Cassian Andor played by Diego Luna. However, despite better-written characters and a more realistic depiction of the complexity of war, those two titles never really explored the underlying ideology that led to war and oppression in the galaxy far, far away.

Andor makes it clear from the first scene of the first episode itself that it won't be charting the usual safe course across the galaxy. Set in a company town on a planet ruled by a corporation, we see Cassian walking into the red-light district of the town and getting into trouble with two company guards eager to abuse their policing power for some good ol' bullying. This ends with Cassian accidentally killing one of them and then murdering the other without much hesitance to avoid witnesses. Gilroy expertly sets the tone for what is to come.

Capitalism with mass murder

Muckraker and activist Upton Sinclair described fascism as "capitalism plus murder."

The show pulls no punches in building a world where corporate entities rule and police entire planets to their liking, and workers are treated as nothing more than a pair of gloves to be exploited.

Meanwhile, prisoners are slave labourers in multi-level prison factory complexes designed to keep them "on program," which is gamified to increase competition between the workers, by rewarding greater productivity with flavoursome food and punishing lower output with mass electrocution. It is a dystopian nightmare straight out of philosopher Michel Foucault's concept of 'disciplinary institutions' and social theorist Jeremy Bentham's 'Panopticon', an institution designed to keep discipline through 'unequal gaze' – the constant fear of observation, even if there is none.

Likewise is the running theme of colonialism; native tribes and species are treated with contempt, and then evicted (or worse) by an oppressive state for resource extraction and infrastructure development, while their cultural artefacts have high value among citizens back in the galaxy capital. All these motifs are disturbingly familiar and clearly referring to the world around us.

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It is also a glimpse into the realistic human (or alien) cost of maintaining a military-industrial complex that gave birth to gigantic superweapons like the Death Star and other tools of mass oppression.

Lived-in characters

While *Star Wars* has always offered a collection of fascinating characters, very few of these characters come across as real, partly because none of them show any signs of mental exhaustion or trauma of living under a dictatorship. Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and Han Solo come across as adventurers, rather than actual rebels who are being hunted constantly and having to fight every single day to survive.

Apart from getting the larger picture of the empire right, in *Andor*, Gilroy and his writers brilliantly portray how politics become personal for people living in a fascist state, and how surveillance, or the fear of it, wears people down.

All the characters, as actor Varada Sethu describes in her interview with *The Hindu*, feel lived-in, despite the viewers only getting a glimpse of their background or past. From the fierce rebel Cinta Kaz (Varada) who despises the Empire with a murderous rage to the idealist Senator Mon Mothma (Genevieve O'Reilly) on the verge of a breakdown after being forced to make a horrible family decision for the rebellion, there is an incredible emotional depth to each and every character, something that was missing in most of the other *Star Wars* titles.

For the first time, rebelling against an authoritarian state feels like an extremely grave thing to do. *Andor* drills home the point that being a militant rebel is not an adventure, but a deeply violent and traumatic experience that might force you to destroy your own morality and be ruthless in pursuit of your goals, best exemplified by Stellan Skarsgård's cold-blooded rebel leader and spymaster, Luthen Rael.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

November 25 is the death anniversary of legendary football player Diego Maradona. In honour of the icon, here is a quiz on his many feats in the FIFA World Cup

Abhinaya K

QUESTION 1
In how many iterations of the world cup did Maradona represent Argentina and name the years?

QUESTION 2
In his maiden appearance, the football legend and his team lost matches against two teams in the second group stage. Name the teams.

QUESTION 3
This player is likely to beat his idol Maradona's record number of matches played for Argentina in the world cups. Name the player and the number.

QUESTION 4
The year Maradona captained his team and led it to victory, he scored his first goal of the tournament against which team and what was the outcome of the match.

QUESTION 5
Who was the goalkeeper who Maradona beat to score his famous 'goal of the century'?

QUESTION 6
While he played his last world cup match against Nigeria, his last goal was scored against which team?

In which edition of the world cup did Maradona not score a single goal? Which team won the tournament that year? AFP

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This semi-final match at the 2014 World Cup ended 7-1. Name the teams, and the winner. **Ans: Brazil and Germany; Germany won**
2. In 2009, Rafael Nadal ran into a Swedish player in the fourth round at the French Open, who became the first person to beat the Spaniard at the French Open. Name him. **Ans: Robin Soderling**
3. Name the Indian side's highest run-scorer when India defeated West Indies in the 1983 cricket World Cup. **Ans: Krishnamachari Srikkanth**
4. Touted as 'The Rumble in the Jungle', this boxing match was fought between George Foreman and an underdog pugilist. Name him. **Ans: Muhammad Ali**
5. For this Indian team, the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics was a turning point that initiated an unbeaten streak that continued through to the 1956 summer Olympics. Which sport is this? **Ans: Hockey**
Visual question: Name the Saudi player who scored a goal against Argentina. **Ans: Salem Al-Dawsari**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Mr. V.R. Radhakrishnan of Madras refers to a headline in *The Hindu,* "FBTR goes critical", and wants to know what it means, sir."

"The word 'critical' has several meanings. When some one is very ill and his condition is bad, we say his condition is critical. When a person has a tendency to find fault with others all the time, you say, he is highly critical.

As you know, a literary critic is one who evaluates literature. One can be an art critic, a literary critic, a music critic and so on.

'Criticality' is a technical term used in Nuclear Physics to mean 'the condition in which a nuclear reactor is just self-sustaining'.

The term is of very recent origin. 'To go critical' means 'to reach the stage of maintaining such a reaction'.

It is good news when a reactor goes critical. When a man's condition is critical, it is not good news."

"Sir, Mr. S.V. Ramana of Madras wants to know whether there is such a word as 'finalise' in English."

" 'Final', 'finally', and 'finality' are old words. But 'finalise' is of recent origin. It first appeared in Australian English in the 1920s. It was greeted with a howl of protests. The word was considered ugly, vulgar, grotesque and jargonese by most writers. Someone said it had 'bastardised' the language. Another said,

When I hear of things being adumbrated, visualised or finalised, I am horrified.

But the word has proved to be stronger than its critics. Now it is widely used. You will find it in all the dictionaries.

'Finalise' means 'to complete', 'to bring to an end', 'put in a final form'.

You must finalise your plans.
The deal was finalised last month.
The draft is being finalised."

"Sir, Mr. M. Hariharan of Madras wants to know the pronunciation of 'issue'."

"It is pronounced differently by different people. Dictionaries list three acceptable pronunciations. You can choose what you like.

These are 'isyou', 'ishyou', and 'ishoo'.

The stress is on the first syllable. Well, let's stop here. Wishoo, I am sorry, wish you a Happy New Year."

"Same to you, sir."

Word of the day

Minacious:
of a menacing or threatening character

Synonyms:
forbidding, menacing, sinister

Usage:
The minacious leader struck fear in the hearts of citizens

Pronunciation: bit.ly/3AKew7o

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BBMP launches campaign

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Janaagraha, in association with Bengaluru Ward Samiti Balaga, on Thursday kicked off the 'MyCityMyBudget' campaign to crowdsource inputs and suggestions for the civic budget 2023-24.

The 'Budget Bus' was flagged off by Jayaram Raipur, Special Commissioner (Finance), BBMP. The campaign will run for 30 days where citizens can submit their inputs online by visiting www.mycitymybudget.in, or through the budget bus, which will visit all 243 wards in the coming days.

Timings
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FRIDAY, NOV. 25		
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RISE	07:38	SET 19:14
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RISE	06:23	SET 17:51
RISE	08:44	SET 20:18
SUNDAY, NOV. 27		
RISE	06:24	SET 17:51
RISE	09:49	SET 21:25

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Bengaluru	23	20

Bengaluru Today
25°C The weather will be pleasant but humid. Night will be cool. Spell of light to moderate rain or thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
26°C A dry weather to prevail. Day will be comfortable. Night remains cool.

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Male sterilisation further dips post-COVID-19 by nearly half in State

While 617 no-scalpel vasectomy procedures were performed in 2021, only 314 have been done till September-end this year; Bengaluru Urban has the highest at 60

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Male sterilisation, which has always been abysmal in Karnataka, has further dipped after the pandemic. The total number of no-scalpel vasectomy (NSV) procedures done in the State have reduced by nearly half this year compared to 2021.

This year, till September, only two districts in the State have recorded over 50 vasectomies. Bengaluru Urban has the highest with 60, while it was 139 in 2021. While a total of 617 NSV procedures were done in 2021, only 314 have been done till September-end this year. The number was marginally higher in previous years with 722 in 2020, 787 in 2019 and 770 in 2018.

According to the Department of Health and Family Welfare, male participation in family planning (permanent method or no-scalpel vasectomy- NSV) on an average is as low as 0.1%. This is in keeping with the national trend prevailing over the years.

As per the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), male sterilisation stood at 0.0% in 2019-2020 while female sterilisation showed a rise and stood at 57.4% compared to NFHS-4.

Chandrika B.R., State Deputy Director (Family Planning), told *The Hindu* that the number of NSV procedures have further dipped after the pandemic. "This is mainly because families, distraught due to COVID-19, do not want their breadwinners to undergo any procedures," she said.

"NSV was mooted by the Union government to ensure men also share the responsibility of population control. Men get nearly double the incentive for undergoing the surgery. While women get ₹600 (BPL category) and ₹250 (for APL category), men get ₹1,100 in any category," she said.

Pointing out that around 2.30 lakh women undergo family planning surgeries every year in the State, Dr. Chandrika said, "Till last year, we had asked our doctors to ensure male sterilisations to be at least 1% of all procedures. We have increased this to 5% this year. However, the response continues to be poor."

No-scalpel vasectomy

Achievement of no-scalpel vasectomy in last five years in Karnataka

- **2018:** 770 procedures
- **2019:** 787 procedures
- **2020:** 722 procedures
- **2021:** 617 procedures
- **2022** (till September end) : 314 procedures

Best performing districts

- Bengaluru Urban: 60
- Bidar: 53
- Dharwad: 36
- Dakshina Kannada: 35
- Udupi: 17

Zero performance districts

Bagalkot, Ballari, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Haveri, Raichur and Yadgir

Safe procedure
Medical Superintendent of the State-run Jayanagar General Hospital Ramakrishnappa, who has done over 1,000 NSV procedures in Bengaluru Urban since 2011, said the procedure is safe and has practically no side-effects or complications.

"The failure rate is 1 in 2,000. Yet, the trend has worsened over the years. From 76% in 1970, the number of NSVs has come down to less than 1% now," he said.

"It is a nearly painless procedure for men, who can just walk in and walk out. Their reluctance is not understandable. On the contrary, women have to undergo the procedure under anaesthesia," he said.

EC initiates probe into voter data 'theft' by NGO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A week after the controversy over alleged theft of voter data by Chilume Educational and Rural Development Trust with the alleged support of the State government, the Election Commission initiated an inquiry into it in Bengaluru.

The EC had deputed Deputy Election Commissioner incharge of Karnataka, Ajay Bhadoo, to Bengaluru . The officer held a series of meetingson Wednesday and Thursday with officials of the Chief Electoral Office and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to understand the ground reality of the alleged scam.

The Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka Manoj Kumar Meena, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath and City Police Commissioner Pratap Reddy attended the meetings.

Biker killed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 26-year-old biker was killed when a speeding KSRTC bus knocked him down on HAL Airport Road on Wednesday. The deceased Aris, 26, a resident of Hosanagar, was on his way to work when the accident occurred.

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Couple held for cheating people posing as Customs officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kodigehalli police have arrested a couple from Tamil Nadu who, posing as Customs officials, cheated many people promising jobs and luring them to sell seized foreign goods.

Based on two complaints, the police tracked down the couple in Mangaluru where they had rented out a flat and were preparing a plan to target gullible people.

The accused have been identified as Darbin Das alias Mohandas and Dhanushya alias Rachel. The couple are unemployed graduates but led a posh life by cheating people, Anoop Shetty, DCP, northeast division, said. The accused had joined a course in a private academy in Indiranagar and cheated the director of ₹68 lakh. Dhanushya, posing as the wife of a Customs officer, offered to get seized gold valuables at cheaper rates and took the money and escaped.

Using similar *modus operandi*, the accused had also cheated a teacher of a private school where they had admitted their daughter.

The police have taken them into custody.

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INBRIEF

Five districts get new Congress presidents

Congress president M. Mallikarjun Kharge has approved appointment of presidents of five District Congress Committees in the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee.

The new DCC presidents of five districts are: C.R. Gowda - Bengaluru Rural, Basareddy - Yadgir, Dharmaja Uthappa - Kodagu, Chandrashekar Gowda - Tumakuru, and E.H. Laxmana - Hassan, according to an official press release of the AICC.

State women's commission completes 25 years

Marking Karnataka State Women's Commission's completion of 25 years, chairperson Pramila Naidu said it had successfully settled more than 31,000 cases in the period. The commission is hosting a two-day programme at Banquet Hall in Vidhana Soudha from Friday on the occasion.

Among those participating in the inaugural programme are CM Basavaraj Bommai, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Seetharaman, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shobha Karandlaje, and Karnataka Minister for Women and Child Welfare Halappa Achar and former CM B.S. Yediyurappa.

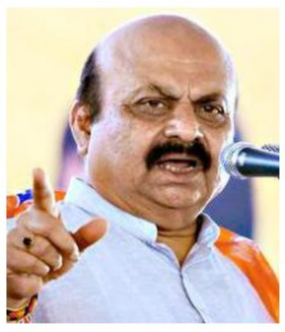
Border row: Bommai to convene all-party meeting next week

Karnataka-Maharashtra border issue 'does not exist' after the State Reorganisation Act, 1956, came into force, says CM

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the verbal altercation between the BJP governments in Karnataka and Maharashtra over the decades-old Karnataka-Maharashtra border issue continued on Thursday, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that he would be convening an all-party meeting next week to discuss the issue comprehensively.

Mr. Bommai pointed out that Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde was quoted in the media saying that he was willing to have a discussion to solve the matter. Without committing himself to any such out of the court discussions, Mr. Bommai told pressperssons here that the proposal would be among those that would be discussed at the all-party meeting.



> The resolutions of some gram panchayats in Jat taluk to merge with Karnataka will be brought to the notice of the Supreme Court when the hearing resumes.
>
> **BASAVARAJ BOMMAI,** Chief Minister

Mutual discussion

"Mr. Shinde has told the media that they are thinking of solving the issue by mutual discussion. However, I want to say that since they have approached the apex court, we are ready for a legal battle since we have strong grounds," he said. Over the last few days, political leaders in both States, both sides from the BJP, have been involved in a war of words over the border issue. While Maharashtra announced pension for freedom fighters in Marathi-speaking regions of Karnataka among other sops, Karnataka announced higher funding to Kannada-medium schools in Kannada-speaking regions of Maharashtra, especially in Sholapur and Sangli districts.

Resolution of GPs

Mr. Bommai had cited resolutions of predominantly Kannada-speaking gram panchayats in Jat taluk of Sangli district that had said in 2012 they were ready for merger with Karnataka over water issues. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday had reiterated Maharashtra's claim over Marathi-speaking areas in Karwar, Nippani, and Belagavi. Both governments have reiterated that "not an inch of land" would be ceded to the other.

Mr. Bommai said that the Karnataka-Maharashtra border issue, in fact, "does not exist" after the State Reorganisation Act, 1956, came into force. "Despite the Act, Maharashtra has raked up the issue and approached the Supreme Court. The resolutions of gram panchayats to merge with Karnataka will be brought to the notice of the Supreme Court when the hearing resumes," he said.

CM likely to visit Delhi on Nov. 29

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Fuelling another round of speculations over Cabinet expansion, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is likely to travel to Delhi on November 29.

Government sources said the travel plan is tentative since some of the appointments are yet to be fixed. "Twice in the past, his travel plans to Delhi had to be been cancelled due to non-availability of appointments from Union Ministers concerned and party leaders. "A Cabinet expansion could figure in discussions with BJP central leaders if an appointment if fixed." Sources said the CM is likely to meet the Karnataka legal team fighting the border issue and inter-State riparian issues during his visit to Delhi besides Union Water Resources Minister.

Vokkaligas to hold meeting on Nov. 27 on reservation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A meeting of prominent Vokkaliga leaders, including those from religious and political spheres, has been called on November 27 to finalise the strategy to seek higher reservation for the community.

Speaking to pressperssons here on Thursday, Vokkaliga Sangha president C.N. Balakrishna said that while the community welcomes increase in reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as per their population, the reservation to Vokkaligas should also be based on the proportion of the population. Though the population of Vokkaligas is said to be between 16% and 20% of the total, there are complaints that the caste survey has not been done properly, he added.

Among those invited are former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, former CMs S.M. Krishna, H.D. Kumaraswamy and D.V. Sadananda Gowda and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar, and Cabinet Ministers belonging to the Vokkaliga community in the present government.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai during the founders' day celebration at BGS college in Bengaluru.

CM inaugurates new library on BGS campus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday inaugurated BGS founders' day celebrations on the college campus at Kengeri in Bengaluru and also inaugurated a new library.

Speaking on the occasion, he called on the students to always remember their alma mater and serve the institution in whatever capacity they can after passing out. Among those present were Nirmalanandanatha Swami, Ministers R. Ashok, S.T. Somashekar and Kannada actor Ramya.

Elephant task force fails to impress

Incidents of human-elephant conflict are on the rise in Hassan district. FILE PHOTO

Sathish G.T.
HASSAN

Elected representatives, locals and some officers have said that the constitution of the elephant task force, recently announced by the government, offers nothing new to tackle the acute man-elephant conflict in parts of southern Karnataka. The tasks assigned to the newly-constituted force were earlier handled by officers in the respective divisions. Now, the new officers will continue with the same, they have argued.

Following two deaths, one each in Sakleshpur and Mudigere, the State Government announced task forces in Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Kodagu and Mysuru districts. Each is headed by an officer of the cadre Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF). Each force will have an ACF, an RFO, four DRFOs, 8 forest guards and 32 outsourced employees

The primary objective of the task force, as per the Government Order, is to patrol affected areas, keep track of the movement of herds in human habitats and coffee estates, and drive them to forest areas.

Sakleshpur MLA H.K. Kumaraswamy told *The Hindu* that the existing officers had been conducting such operations to tackle the conflict. "Even if you want to drive elephants away from human habitat, where will you drive them off to? The elephants will keep moving from one estate to another. This is not going to help in any way," he opined. The JD(S) MLA also took exception to the delay in taking a decision on increasing forest cover by taking land by growers, who volunteered to give up their land.

Coffee planters and locals have been demanding the capture and relocation of all elephants. "There is no plan of action before the government. The announcement is only a political assurance ahead of elections," said H.P. Mohan, a planter and former chairman of Malnad Area Development Board. Even a section of senior officers in the Forest Department has reservations about the task force. The department has not found a solution to the problem but constituted a committee to blame.

Age concern

The heads of task forces appointed are all in the age group of 50-60 year, some on the verge of retirement. "The government is expecting them to lead a team of staff to drive the elephants away. Is it possible?" asked an officer. Whenever a critical situation arises, the officers have to coordinate with DC and SP, who are all Indian service officers.

High Court castigates State government over unnecessary litigation leading to 'docket explosion'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Pointing out that the State government is causing a 'docket explosion' in the courts with unnecessary litigation, the High Court of Karnataka has cautioned the government of imposing an exemplary cost if it failed to avoid unnecessary litigation henceforth.

The court also directed the government to effectively implement its Dispute Resolution Policy 2021 formulated by the Law Department and conduct region-wise workshops to educate officials on the policy to avoid filling of unnecessary petitions, appeals, etc.

"We feel that the time has come where this court is required to send a message to the biggest litigant [government] and that merely because it is the biggest litigant, it will not be a license to enable it in filing all and sundry cases, which eat into valuable judicial time," a Division Bench comprising Justice G. Narendar and Justice P.N. Desai observed in its order. The Bench also said, "The irony is that the State is one of the prime movers to popularise the alternate dispute resolution system and in this background, the State cannot be the reason for docket explosion."

Law department's view

The Bench also said that if the Law Department gives

an opinion against preferring of a petition/an appeal/revision etc., and if the concerned department is of a different opinion, such different opinion should be recorded in writing by the Head of the Department, setting out the reason why the appeal/revision/writ petition etc., needs to be filed ignoring the opinion of the Law Department.

"In the event such petition/appeal/revision etc., is not entertained by the court then, the government should mandatorily calculate and recover the cost of that particular limb of litigation from the officers concerned," the Bench said. The Bench also directed the government to take steps to circulate the policy document prepared by the office of the State Advocate General to all the department while taking note of A-G Prabhuling K. Navadgi's submission that COVID-19 impacted the circulation of policy document, which contains measures to avoid unnecessary litigation.

'Treated like a dustbin'

"The High Court cannot be treated like a dustbin by the largest litigant and the litigant bears a responsibility towards the justice dispensation system, a responsibility which is a constitutional mandate," the Bench observed, while dismissing a petition filed by the government challenging an order of the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal.

The tribunal had quashed disciplinary proceedings against 66-year-old Rahamathulla when he was serving as an assistant police inspector prior to his retirement. Even though the Law Department suggested against challenging the KSAT's verdict before the High Court, the Home Department had filed the present petition, which the Bench termed "meritless."

TAMIL NADU URBAN HABITAT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Government of Tamil Nadu
No. 5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai-600005, Tamil Nadu, India.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)
(Consulting Services - Individual Selection & Consulting Firm)

Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB), Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing the Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project financed by the World Bank. TNUHDB now invites eligible Individual Consultants and Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the services for the below mentioned assignments for TNUHDB under the World Bank financed Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project.

Selection of Individual Consultants:

1) Social Development Specialist (Education & Career counselling) - 1 No.
2) Social Development Specialist (Substance abuse & crime prevention) - 1 No.
3) Social Development Specialist (Sports) - 1 No.
4) Social Development Specialist (Women & Child) - 1 No.
5) Social Development Specialist (Livelihood & entrepreneurship development) - 1 No.
6) Social Development Specialist (Culturals) - 1 No.
7) Social Development Specialist (Social Audit and R & R Policy) - 1 No.

Selection of Consulting Firm:

1) Consulting firm to carry out Preparation of tools and Guidelines for implementation of the Social Sustainability and Grievance Management Framework for TNUHDB

The detailed REols and Terms of References are available in the websites - www.tnuhdb.tn.gov.in and www.tenders.tn.gov.in. **The Expression of Interest (EOI) shall be submitted for each assignment separately.** Last date and time for submission of EOI for **Selection of Individual Consultants and Consulting Firm** is **09.12.2022 up to 5:45 PM.** The EOI shall be sent to the Chief Community Development Officer, Project Monitoring Unit - World Bank Project, Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board, No.5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai - 600 005, Tamil Nadu, India. E-mail: tnuhdbprocurement@gmail.com.

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Chief Community Development Officer, Project Monitoring Unit

சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, MPED-C,
Ground Floor, Annex-2 Building, BBMP Head Office Premises, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No: EE/MPED-C/TEND/12/2022-23 Date: 24.11.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Single Cover System)(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, MPED-C, invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below :

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Additional works to Saptha Mathruke Adhi Shakthi Temple in Head Office Premises.	**16.06**	40,200/-

Period of Completion: 3 Months (including Monsoon)

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal of GOK from **25.11.2022 onwards.** (2) Last date uploading the Filled Proposals: **02.12.2022 upto 17:30 hrs.** (3) Opening of Proposals: **03.12.2022 at 17:30 hrs.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit e-Procurement portal website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MPED-C, BBMP

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
Jalabhavan, #P-4, 10th Main, 3rd Cross, 3rd floor, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru-570009.
Ph:0821-2545894 Email: kwbcemys2014@gmail.com Website:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

ಸಂ.ಕಜಮಂ/ಮುಅ(ಮೈ)/ಉ.ಮು.ಅ–2/ತಾಂ.ಸ–1/ಸ.ಅ–1/1355/2022–23 Date: 23.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited for "Providing and laying of Outfall sewer network at Henjagodanahalli & Jajur including allied works under UGD scheme to Arasikere town" for an APT amount of Rs.358.31 Lakhs. Further details may be obtained through e-procurement portal No.KUWSDB/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT3244

Ph: No: 0821-2545894, Mob: 9480813107, Email:kwbcemys2014@gmail.com

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/704/2022-23

Sd/- Chief Engineer K.U.W.S. & D Board, Mysuru

BANGALORE MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY
No.5, 2nd Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No: BMICAPA/CLU-01/30/2021-22 Date: 24.11.2022

PUBLICATION
(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Smt.Vinay.R S/o M.Rajashekaraiah has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from "Agriculture" Zone to "Residential" purpose under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961, pertaining to the Sy.No:3/14 Extent 0Acre-09Guntas, Sy.No:3/15 Extent 0Acre-09Guntas, Sy.No:3/22 Extent 0Acre-03Guntas, Sy.No:3/24 Extent 0Acre-17Guntas and Sy.No:3/26 Extent 0Acre-½Guntas totally measuring 0Acre-38½Guntas of Chinnakurchi Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1) By developing the layout in the above said lands, the poor and middle class people will get the sites for reasonable price.
2) During the development works of the layout there will be opportunity of employment for labourers.
3) Surrounding area will be developed by developing the layout in the above said lands.
4) By planned layout the public are benefited with the civic amenities such as good Roads, parks, etc.

Objection, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

DIPR/CP/3245/MAA/22-23

Sd/- Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore.

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department, Udupi Division, Udupi. (PIU)

Website: https://www.kpwd.gov.in Email: eepwdudp02@gmail.com

No EE/PWD/UDN/NIT/55/2022-23/AE-2 Dated 22.11.2022

Short Term Tender Notice

The tender for the following works are invited through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (Viz. www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

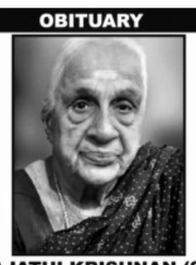
Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount put to tender (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Last date for Submission of tender in Eprocurement	Eligible Tenderer
1	Improvements of road from Manipal-Syndicate Circle to manipal Alevoor Link Road through SIBM road and improvement of road from Ambagilu Udyavara road to Doddanagude connecting road through Rajacharya marga. **(155560) (Call-2)**	₹ 3,18,16,268.00	₹ 4,77,300.00	07.12.2022	CLASS-II and above K-PWD

Sd/-
Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Udupi Division, Udupi.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY



RAJATHI KRISHNAN (89)
W/o Late Dunlop N. Krishnan
M/o Late Dr. P.K. Narayanaswamy
Passed away on 24.11.2022

Deeply mourned by
Mrs. Lalitha Narayanaswamy
Mrs. & Mr. P.K. Viswanathan
Mr. P.K. Manikandan
Grand Children & Great Grand Children
pkvish@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our clients (1). **Mr. Arul Deva Rajakumar** & (2). **Dr. Chitra N** are the absolute owners of the Schedule property and Sale Deed dated 22/09/2007 executed in favour of them in respect of the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder is lost while travelling and our clients had filed a complaint in respect of this to Bengaluru City police Unit immediately after coming to their knowledge.

Any person/s having found the same may kindly be returned to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of this publication and if any person misusing the original one shall be prosecuted and if anyone entering into any transaction without our client's knowledge with any third party our client shall not be responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Flat bearing **No.011**, **Ground Floor** of **'RE'** Block in the apartment Known as **"PURVA RIVIERA"** measuring **1123 Sq. Feet of Super built up area, along with one covered car parking space together with 435.10 Sq. feet undivided share** in the converted land bearing SY No. 29 in full and parts of Sy.Nos 23, 24, 27, 28, 31 and 32 of Munnekolala Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 11 Acres 32 Guntas.

Sd/- **Akhila & Associates, Advocates**
#121, LRDE Layout Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037.
Phone: 9741300393

Kantara, with 'Varaha Roopam' new version, makes OTT debut

Nalme Nachiyar
BENGALURU

Rishab Shetty in a still from the film.

Kannada film *Kantara*, the pan-India sensation directed by Rishab Shetty that garnered much praise and acclaim from audience and critics alike, made its OTT debut on Amazon Prime on Thursday.

However, hours into its release on OTT, social media was abuzz over changes made to the climax portion of the film. 'Varaha Roopam', the song that was instrumental in adding to the cinematic experience of *Kantara*, and had become hugely popular on YouTube, has been dropped by the makers and replaced with an alternative version. While the lyrics have been retained, the makers have changed the orchestral arrangement and vocals.

Disappointed netizens complained that the new song diluted the viewing experience of the film. Even as #BringBackVarahaRoopam trended on Twitter, audience rued the loss of the original 'Varaha Roopam' without which, they said, *Kantara* had lost its very soul and essence.

Kantara was recently embroiled in a controversy after Kerala-based music band Thaikkudam Bridge accused the makers of copyright infringement and plagiarism on October 25, 2022. They claimed that 'Varaha Roopam' was a rip-off of their 2007 track, 'Navarasam' and had filed a petition alleging copyright violation.

Hombale Films, Rishabh Shetty, and music director Ajaneesh Lokanath were quick to refute all allegations of copyright infringement. However, they had admitted to being familiar with 'Navarasam' and being inspired by it.

On October 29, 2022, Kozhikode District Sessions court imposed an interim injunction order against using 'Varaha Roopam' in the film. The order banned the makers of the movie, including the producer, director, and music director, besides OTT platforms, music channels, websites, and YouTube from using the song without the permission of Thaikkudam Bridge.

Petitions dismissed

Subsequently, the makers of *Kantara* approached the Kerala High Court and filed two petitions challenging the temporary injunction order. On Wednesday, the Kerala High Court dismissed the petitions as not maintainable, while giving liberty to the film producer to avail of alternative remedies available in law.

Following this, the film was released on the OTT platform with a new version of the song.

Court rejects police custody of accused in TRS MLA case

The ACB Special Court declines police custody of accused for second time; SIT names senior BJP leader B.L. Santhosh, three others as accused in the alleged conspiracy to poach Telangana MLAs

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The ACB Special Court here on Thursday rejected the petition filed by Special Investigation Team (SIT) officials seeking police custody of the three accused in TRS MLAs' poaching attempt case.

Already, the SIT had taken custody of the accused Ramachandra Bharathi alias Satish Sharma, K. Nanda Kumar and D.P.S.K.V.N. Simhayaji for two days after they were remanded in judicial custody. The SIT wanted to question further the three accused.

Nanda Kumar, accused in poaching case, being produced before the Anti-Corruption Bureau court judge in Hyderabad. FILE PHOTO

However, the special court judge declined to permit the police custody of the accused for the second time.

Meanwhile, senior BJP leader B.L. Santhosh and three others were named as accused by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in the case of alleged conspiracy to poach four TRS MLAs, officials said on Thursday.

Following directions from the Telangana High Court, the SIT, probing the case, also issued a second notice to Mr. Santhosh, BJP national general secretary (organisation), who is yet to appear before it. In the fresh notice, he has been asked to appear before the SIT for questioning on November 26 or 28, official sources said.

Based on the investigations so far, the SIT filed a memo in a special Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) court here adding the names of Santhosh and two persons from Kerala – Jaggu Swami and Tushar Vellapally, besides B. Srinivas, as accused in the case, they said.

(With PTI inputs)

Karnataka, Kerala officers appear before HC on request for help in elephant death probe

Mohamed Imranullah S.
CHENNAI

Representatives of the Karnataka and Kerala governments appeared before the Madras High Court on Thursday following the notices issued to them for the appointment of nodal officers who could assist a court-constituted Special Investigation Team (SIT) in probing 19 elephant deaths in Tamil Nadu between 2014 and 2018.

A Special Division Bench took note of the appearance of Additional Government Advocate Shweta Krishnappa, representing Karnataka, and Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer Prakriti Srivastava, representing Kerala, and directed them to obtain instructions by December 22.

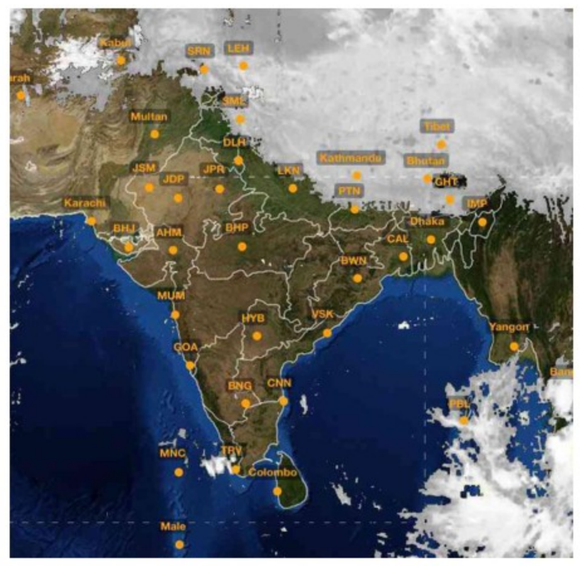
When both Ms. Krishnappa and Ms. Srivastava reported that incidents of elephant poaching were close to zero in their States, the senior judge on the Bench told them that offenders from those States were poaching in Tamil Nadu and therefore the SIT required assistance from the two States in nabbing them.

The Bench asked them to obtain instructions from their governments on appointment of nodal officers and file reports by next month. Subsequently, while hearing another case related to the death of elephants due to train hits on the two tracks between Palakkad in Kerala and Podanur in Coimbatore district, the judges restrained Southern Railway from operating the trains beyond 30 kmph on the stretch at night.

Though P.T. Ramkumar, standing counsel for Southern Railway, pleaded with the court that it would not be technically feasible to restrict the speed to 30 kmph, the judges refused to budge and said the life of animals, too, was as important as human lives.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: No weather warning available

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.0	14.6	Kozhikode	—	33.5	25.2
Ahmedabad	—	31.4	14.2	Kurnool	—	33.8	22.6
Aizawl	—	—	11.8	Lucknow	—	27.2	11.2
Allahabad	—	29.0	11.2	Madurai	—	34.2	22.2
Bengaluru	3	22.8	20.4	Mangaluru	—	31.5	23.8
Bhopal	—	—	11.4	Mumbai	—	31.4	22.0
Bhubaneswar	—	30.4	18.9	Mysuru	8	30.0	19.4
Chandigarh	—	25.8	9.1	New Delhi	—	26.3	9.3
Chennai	—	31.8	25.1	Patna	—	27.4	12.1
Coimbatore	—	31.6	21.9	Port Blair	3	30.0	24.8
Dehradun	—	26.0	9.8	Puducherry	40	31.3	22.3
Gangtok	—	17.8	9.4	Pune	—	31.8	14.9
Goa	—	33.4	23.6	Raipur	—	30.5	11.0
Guwahati	—	29.5	15.0	Ranchi	—	25.4	12.2
Hubballi				Shillong	—	20.6	9.3
Hyderabad	—	28.6	20.7	Shimla	—	20.8	11.8
Imphal	—	26.8	9.6	Srinagar	—	14.7	-0.8
Jaipur	—	27.3	11.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.1	21.6
Kochi	—	30.0	23.2	Tiruchi	—	32.9	25.0
Kohima	—	21.9	8.1	Vijayawada	—	31.6	24.0
Kolkata	—	28.6	16.5	Visakhapatnam	—	30.5	26.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.38	101	41	71	102	
Bengaluru	7	26	26	31	44	
Chennai	.12	36	51	137	104	
Delhi	.11	40	56	285	231	
Hyderabad	5	31	42	217	—	
Kolkata	.13	90	32	295	189	
Lucknow	.20	53	38	259	171	
Mumbai	.40	136	90	310	172	
Pune	6	9	43	26	25	
Visakhapatnam	.32	26	7	51	69	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bettiah, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 419 indicating a severe level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

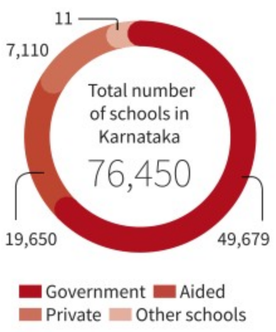
SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

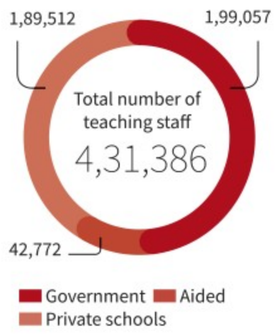
NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

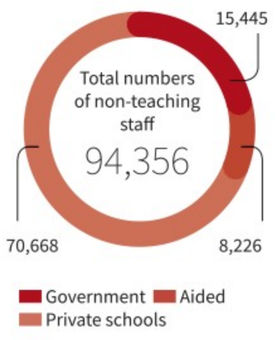
CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

School infrastructure







No toilets in 328 schools

No separate toilets for girls in 1,532 schools

No separate toilets for boys in 4,153 schools

Toilet for girls non-functional in 2,101 schools

Toilet for boys non-functional in 5,047 schools

No electricity in 714 schools

No drinking water facility in 220 schools

No library or book bank in 2,772 schools

No playground in 14,312 schools

No digital library in 73,620 schools

No internet in 53,860 schools

44,371 are govt. schools, **3,977** are aided schools, **5,505** private schools

No computers in 33,308 schools

29,475 are govt. schools, **1,563** are aided schools, **2,268** are private schools

Schools with smart classrooms 8,016

2,510 are govt. schools, **687** are aided schools, **4,817** private schools

No kitchen garden in 51,574 schools

33,250 are govt. schools, **4,160** are aided schools, **14,156** are private schools

No rainwater harvesting in 50,451 schools

36,803 are govt. schools, **4,166** are aided schools, **9,473** are private schools

No ramps in 22,616 schools

8,389 are govt. schools, **3,333** are aided schools, **10,885** are private schools

Forget Internet, some schools in State don't have functional toilets

The recently released Unified District Information System for Education Plus 2021-22 report shows that 33,308 schools in Karnataka have no Internet facility and 1,532 schools have no toilets for girls. The State also did not fare well in health segment. As many as 12,442 schools did not conduct medical check-ups in the last academic year

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

During the worst phase of COVID-19 spread, as academic calendar was thrown out of gear and the only way to keep a semblance of classroom going was through the Internet, there was much talk on the need to ensure connectivity to all schools in Karnataka. And yet, according to the latest data, as many as 33,308 schools have no computers yet in the State. Not surprisingly, a majorly of them (29,475) are government run, while 1,563 are aided and 2,268 privately run.

There is no Internet facility in 53,860 schools, including 44,371 government schools. Only, 17,201 schools have functional projectors. About 8,016 schools have implemented smart classrooms. A total of 2,830 schools have digital library facility, according to the recently released Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2021-22 report.

Karnataka has a total of 76,450 schools, including 49,679 government, 7,110 aided, 19,650 private, and 11 other schools.

More basic concerns

For schoolchildren in the more remote parts, Internet connectivity is not even an immediate concern, considering they lack facilities far more basic, such as functional toilets, safe drinking water, and classrooms that do not leak. With heavy rains and floods over the last two years taking a toll on buildings, several old schools have been damaged and roofs are leaking. Some have even collapsed. This has only added to the infrastructure gaps that many schools were already facing.

An illustration of this came recently when Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy was mobbed by a rather unexpected group that consisted neither his party workers nor voters when he entered Mastenahalli in Srinivasapura taluk of Kolar district earlier this week. A bunch of school boys and girls surrounded him while he was on a pre-election tour there and demanded that he take a look at the leaking roof of their school building and badly maintained classrooms.

No toilets for girls

For instance, despite all the rhetoric on "beti padhao, beti bachao", as per UDISE+ 2021-22 report, 1,532 schools in Karnataka do not have separate toilets for girl students. Even among schools that have girls' toilets, 2,101 are non-functional. Around 4,153 schools don't have toilets for boys and 5,047 are non-functional. As many as 328 schools have no toilets for either boys or girls.

A government high school teacher from Kolar district said, "Who will do the cleaning of classrooms and toilets in the biggest question we face. The department is providing ₹2,000 for toilet cleaning per annum. But we have to pay a minimum ₹500 for one-time toilet cleaning." A class VIII student of an Urdu-medium school in Ramanagaram district described the woes of girl students, "In our school, there are around 270 students, and about half girls. Out of five toilets, two are for girls, two for boys and one is for teachers. The toilets are not cleaned. We don't drink much water during school hours to avoid going to toilet."

Interestingly, as per data, total of 8,153 schools have no handwash facility, a habit much-emphasised in post-COVID times. Karnataka also did not fare well in health segment. As many as 12,442 schools did not conduct medical check-ups in the last academic year.

The teacher in Kolar also pointed out that due to heavy rain, school buildings were damaged. "Every year the department makes a proposal for school building renovation and for new building. But, there is no progress for five years," he added.

Water, electricity and other facilities

Though electricity and drinking water are basic necessities of every schools, there are still schools that lack these. There is no electricity in 714 schools, including 436 government schools. As many as 220 schools do not have any source of drinking water, and 80 schools have unprotected well water.

The much-talked about rain water harvesting is moving at a slow pace in educational institutions. As many as 25,999 schools have adopted the system and it remains pending on 50,451 schools.

Lack of infrastructure for curricular and extracurricular activities ails many schools. In the State, there are 14,312 schools that don't have playground. There is no science laboratory in 7,259 schools and no library or book bank in 2,772 schools.

Enrolment declines

Compared to the academic year of 2021-22, the current academic year enrolment in the State schools has declined by 79,843, with one of the factors leading to it arguably being poor infrastructure.

In the academic year of 2021-22, a total of 1,20,92,381 students were enrolled in the State schools. According to the Department of Public Instruction data, this year a total of 1,20,12,538 children were admitted to various schools. When enrolment in government schools alone is considered, it has declined by 1.62 lakh, from 47,04,038 to 45,41,800.

Infrastructure is priority: Minister

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Dr. Vishal R., Commissioner for the Department of Public Instruction, said the decline in enrolment is gradual owing to micro-families and family planning. "Due to the COVID-19, lakhs of students migrated from private schools to government schools. However, now, students are back to private schools from government schools."

B.C. Nagesh, Minister for Department of School Education and Literacy, insisted that the present government was paying enough attention to classrooms.

"The previous government ignored school infrastructure and it had built only around 4,500 classroom. But, during the term of former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, we built around 8,000 classrooms. Now, we launched the Viveka classroom scheme and we will build around 8,100 new classrooms. Our government took the construction of toilets on priority basis and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has already announced ₹250 crore special fund on August 15, 2022. Some toilets will be renovated and some will be newly built. We are conducting an assessment of toilets across the State. Within six month, we will complete their construction," he said.

A file photo of a government primary Marathi school at Shindoli village in Belagavi district.

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> **A TEACHER** in Kolar

A file photo of Government Kannada Lower Primary School at Gugrenatta in Belagavi district.

Children staging a protest demanding better infrastructure when Janata Dal (S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy visited Srinivaspur taluk of Kolar disrict during the Pancharatha Yatre recently.

The Government Kannada Lower Primary school at Surapura in Belagavi district. FILE PHOTO

Around 1,600 schools have been adopted so far

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In an effort to improve infrastructure, Karnataka government has launched a school adoption programme, under which around 1,600 schools have so far been adopted by people's representatives, universities, companies, and individuals.

Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council have adopted 897 schools, and members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha have adopted 200 schools. In all, 29 universities have adopted 290 schools, and 18 autonomous colleges have adopted 90 schools.

People's representatives

Among the MLAs, the highest number of adoption is by Ramalinga Reddy (Congress) at 20, followed by K.J. George (Congress) at 15. Housing Minister V. Somanna has adopted 11 schools, while MLC Chidananda Gowda (BJP) has adopted 32 schools.

Dr. Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri mutt has adopted 15 schools. Among universities, PES University, Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheswara University, Reva University and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University have adopted schools to name a few.

75% work done

Prof. M.R. Doreswamy, Adviser, Education Reforms, Government of Karnataka, said under the scheme some schools were renovated and some entirely rebuilt. "Around 75% of the schools were developed and handed over to the Education Department," he said. "I have written to the public representatives to complete the work before their tenure ends." He hopes that more industries, IT companies, corporate houses, banks and professional organizations will adopt schools.

Going live again

Get the groove (Clockwise from left) Sunburn; Stills from the Echoes of Earth Music Festival. PHOTO: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Homegrown music festivals are making a grand comeback in the post-Covid era, with a renewed focus on community and sustainability

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Lush Ziro Valley, nestled in the gentle hills of Arunachal Pradesh, reverberated with music again after three years this September. Popular since its start in 2012, the Ziro Festival of Music made a grand comeback from the Covid-19 hiatus of 2020 and 2021 as it hosted nearly 10,000 people from September 29 to October 2.

The fact that the festival managed to pull in the crowds even as its venue is located in the eastern-most state of India, and 123km from the nearest civilian airport, painted a bigger picture – music festivals are drawing more people than ever before.

The Lollapalooza franchise, which takes place in Chicago, Berlin, São Paulo, Buenos Aires, Stockholm and Paris, will be entering India with a multi-genre show in Mumbai on January 28 and 29. The line-up has acts including Imagine Dragons, Diplo, Divine and Prateek Kuhad. "The inaugural Lollapalooza India will be open to 60,000 fans across both days," says Ashish Hemrajani, founder and CEO of BookMyShow, one of the promoters.

Tickets range from ₹8,900 to ₹64,999. While the limited early-bird ticket inventory for Lollapalooza was sold out in less than 36 hours, the organisers of Sunburn, an annual EDM festival in Goa, say they are confident of re-establishing the event as Asia's largest. "We do not reveal sale numbers. Tickets start from ₹6,000 for a season pass and ₹3,000 per day," says Karan Singh, who manages the festival. Sunburn was organised on a smaller scale last year, but the full-fledged festival, from December 28 to 30, is returning after three years.

Sold out

The promise this year holds for music festivals finds weight in the response to Magnetic Fields 2022, a contemporary arts and music festival to be hosted in Rajasthan's Alsisar Mahal from December 9 to 11.

All 4,000 tickets for the eighth edition of the festival, returning after a Covid-19 hiatus too, have been sold, according to the organiser's website. Tickets started at ₹12,500 and went up to ₹1.1 lakh.

A long line-up has been released but more names are expected. This includes Elsewhere in India, a live transmedia performance that combines game engine technology with art, and Carnatic-electronic music. Munbir Chawla, content and partnerships director for Magnetic Fields, says they are in the process of finalising collaborations and will be releasing the details soon.

Echoes of Earth Music Festival, to be organised at Bengaluru's Embassy International Riding School on December 3 and 4, is expecting over 15,000 visitors.

The line-up has over 40 artists, says Roshan Netalkar, founder and festival director.

Sustainability

When Ziro and Magnetic Fields started in the last decade, sustainability and community were the central theme. The trend has grown, with more festivals going green. "We don't allow single-use plastic and have changed the materials for the stages," says Munbir from Magnetic Fields.

Mumbai-based Deepika Rathore, who attended Ziro this year, says she loved that the organisers were trying to preserve the scenery. "I felt like I was part of something bigger. My husband and I prefer events, which are responsible."

The awareness for environment also arises from appeals made within the industry. "It's something we are cognisant of, considering that our festival takes place in the desert," Munbir adds.

Green sheen

The organisers of Echoes of Earth Music Festival call the event India's greenest music festival. "For 20 years, I have observed how large-format events consume natural resources and generate waste. Through Echoes, I wanted to rewrite the narrative of celebrating responsibly," adds Netalkar.

For a music festival in Shillong, going green meant additional expenses. "We mostly went for bamboo. Hence, our expenses more than doubled," says Sahil Majaw, whose event management group, Helping Young People Entertainment, is behind Hills Festival Meghalya.

The festival pulled in a crowd of 4,000 on November 4 and 5, an impressive number given that it started in 2018 and did not take place in 2020 and 2021.

"We have seen more excitement among people, especially those from Assam, Kolkata, Delhi and Mumbai," he adds.

Ziro, hosted by the local Apatani tribe, has been going beyond environment. "We worked with the Apatani Women's Association for our waste management," says Lubna Shaheen, a founding member.

The break

When the pandemic brought all shows to a halt, the promoters of Ziro worked on collaborations. "Just before the pandemic, we got a grant from British Council and Wales Arts International. So this opened opportunities for us to work with technology and create connections," says Lubna.

Sunburn went online. According to the festival spokesperson, the response was good.

When it comes to homegrown performers, promoters say there has been an explosion of talent. Debut acts at Magnetic Fields include Sijya, Nate08, Jay Pei, Tyrell Dub Corp.

The sheer number of listeners are also behind the resurgence of music festivals.

Lollapalooza was present in seven countries before it came to Mumbai. "Globally, India is the second-largest market when it comes to audio streaming numbers for artists, making it a lucrative market for live entertainment and music," says Hemrajani.

Manasvi Sharma, a music producer who plans to attend Lollapalooza, says this will be the first big event he will be attending after three years. "I can't wait to see Imagine Dragons live. For me, these festivals are a celebration of being free. I will feel free after a long time."

Music beyond boundaries

Indian Music Experience in Bengaluru to host RhythmXChange, a cross-cultural festival, from November 25 to 27

Crossing borders Young Indian musicians who are part of the RhythmXChange programme SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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The Indian Music Experience Museum (IME) in partnership with Manchester Museum will be organising a collaborative cross-cultural music festival titled RhythmXChange. The first phase of the festival will be held at IME from November 25 to 27. The second phase will be at the Manchester Museum in the U.K. from March 17 to 23, 2023.

This collaborative project seeks to explore rhythm as a shared language between East and West. As part of the year-long programme, four young musicians from India and the U.K. took part in a mentorship programme.

Mentors from India and the U.K. guided the young musicians to jointly develop a rhythm-based art project, which they named JAVA - The Cadence Collective (Joash Gill, Aditi B Prahlad, Vinthya Perinpanathan, Ashwin Mandoth). JAVA's maiden public performance will be on November 26.

RhythmXChange is an international partnership between the Manchester Museum and the Indian Music Experience Museum funded by the British Council's India/U.K. Together Season of Culture and Our Shared Cultural Heritage programme.

The first phase of the festival at IME will include percussion-themed museum walkthroughs, performances by young artists from around the world, a rap battle, panel discussions and a screening of *Dollu*, which won the National Award for the Best Kannada Film.

"Through RhythmXChange, we aim to promote young musicians from India and U.K. and grow their global networks," said the museum director of IME, Preema John. "Being a bilateral project and on-site festival, the young musicians have had the opportunity to discover musical connections between India and the U.K. and now get to travel to the partner country to perform and connect with the host communities."

Meanwhile, the Global Director of Arts at the British Council, Skinder Hundal MBE, added, "This collaboration between the IME and Manchester Museum showcases Indian carnatic music alongside eastern and western percussion traditions to explore rhythm as a shared language to engage young people and artists."

Writers junction Geetanjali Shree and Devdutt Pattanaik SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Diverse voices of literature

Devdutt Pattanaik and Geetanjali Shree are among the participants at the inaugural Asia Pacific Literary Festival from November 28 to 30

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Alliance University's School of Liberal Arts, in association with Asia Pacific Writers & Translators Inc (APWT), is hosting the Asia Pacific Literary Festival (APLF) at the University's Central Campus from November 28 to 30.

Now in its 17th year, APWT is designed to promote and connect Asia Pacific writers to the world. APLF, meanwhile, is an extension of the Alliance Literary Festival, which was held for the first time in May this year.

The theme for the first edition of APLF will be 'Writing Outside the Frame'. "It attempts to shine the spotlight on voices lying outside the usual frame of the literati and bring together an exhilarating confluence of styles, modes and mediums of literature that evade convention," explains Anubha Singh, vice chancellor of Alliance University.

The festival will be inaugurated by noted mythologist and author Devdutt Pattanaik. It will comprise talks and events with authors, translators, scholars, social activists, and performers from across the world.

Apart from Devdutt, the three-day festival will feature Booker Prize winner Geetanjali Shree, activist Irom Sharmila, dissident Chinese author Ma Jian, Sahitya Academy award-winning writer Mihir Vatsa, author and journalist Victor Mallet, writer of climate issues Tom Doig, columnist Shinie Antony, and a host of other writers and poets.

Participants can also witness an array of cultural performances ranging from the traditional Yakshagana to a stand-up show by Danish Sait and classical Indian rock performances by Agam and Mystik Vibes.

More information and registration details are on www.allianceliteraryfestival.com. Tickets on bookmyshow.com

Follow the flowers

A Hundred Hands has chosen a floral theme for their XIIIth edition

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Floral Symphony is how A Hundred Hands, an NGO that promotes artisans and their hand-crafted products, has chosen to title their XIIIth edition. As many as 130 artisans will present an assortment of arts and crafts ranging from home decor, weaves and jewellery as well as creations fashioned from flower-based natural dyes and remedies distilled from floral oils.

According to Mala Dhawan, co-founder and trustee of A Hundred Hands, the event is meant to showcase different aspects of flowers. "At the same time, we wanted to focus on the importance of flowers in our environment, especially with regard to Bengaluru and its dwindling gardens. It is interesting to see how flowers are depicted in conventional as well as modern renditions," she says, adding crocheted bouquets and traditional Mughal floral block prints can be seen at the stalls this year.

Floral Symphony is on from November 23 to 27 at Hotel Woodlands. For details +919845008482/ a100hands@gmail.com

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Tunes of Rahman

Saturday night will come alive with songs of composer AR Rahman, presented by the band — 3 Shorts Bourbon — as a tribute to the music maestro. The band will present songs such as 'Dil Se', 'Roja' 'Chhaiya Chhaiya', 'Humma Humma' and 'Mustafa, Mustafa'. *They will perform on November 26 Hard Rock Cafe, Whitefield, 8pm onwards. Tickets on BookMyShow and Insider.*

A pet menu

This one is for pet parents and their furry babies. A special pet menu has been introduced, offering pets dishes that come with meat, chicken, boiled eggs, quinnoa and vegetables among others. There will also be ice creams as desserts. *The menu is on at Gold Rush Brews, KR Puram, Old Madras Road.*

Holocaust horrors

Wiesenthal, written by Tom Dugan, is a story about a Holocaust survivor, who recounts his arduous journey as a prisoner of WW2. Directed by Denver Anthony Nicholas, this monologue unravels stories of the dark days of WW2. *The play will be staged on November 26, at 3.30pm and 7.30pm at Ranga Shankara. Tickets on BookMyShow*

Disquiet in Northeast

Boundary disputes between States should be resolved quickly

On November 22, five villagers from Meghalaya and an Assam forest guard were killed and two others were seriously injured in a firing incident along the boundary between the two States. The Assam government said the incident happened after its forest guards tried to intercept a truck smuggling illegal timber. When the truck was stopped, the forest personnel were gheraoed by unknown miscreants who resorted to violence, according to Assam, which maintains that the staff resorted to firing to save their lives. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said on Twitter that the Assam police and Assam forest guards entered Meghalaya and "resorted to unprovoked firing". Versions differ and both States have instituted separate inquiries, but the mistrust and underlying conflicts in the northeast that lead to such incidents are deeper. Assam and Meghalaya have a five-decade old boundary dispute. Meghalaya, carved out of Assam as an autonomous region in 1970, became a full-fledged State in 1972. In March, Assam and Meghalaya resolved the boundary dispute at six out of total 12 such locations along their 884.9 km boundary, and the next round of talks was to take place soon. Though the latest flare-up did not arise out of this dispute, it happened along a disputed border stretch.

Assam has boundary disputes at various points in time with the States carved out of it – Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Mizoram. Last year, the police forces of Assam and Mizoram clashed, killing five on the Assam side. Dozens of people have died in conflicts along State borders in the northeast over the years. Union Home Minister Amit Shah had asked Assam to take the lead in resolving the lingering disputes, which have their origins in the colonial cartography that overlooked the life patterns of local communities. Traditional hunting, grazing and farming grounds of communities got divided by modern administrative boundaries at many places. When new States were formed, such concerns acquired a more serious nature, and the Naga demand for a unified homeland that is now spread beyond the State of Nagaland is instructive. It is unfortunate and tragic that States that are part of the Indian Union are involved in violent clashes with one another. The BJP is in government in much of the northeast and has the leverage to aim for a comprehensive resolution of all outstanding disputes in the region. Communities will have to be taken into confidence, and boundaries adjusted. In any case, these man-made lines should not be allowed to restrict the movement of people in pursuit of a livelihood.

Opening stance

India-Australia trade pact's ratification is good, but staying competitive is critical

In what would be India's first major free trade deal with a developed economy in over a decade, the first phase of a pact sealed with Australia in April this year is likely to be operationalised soon, paving easier market access for Indian services and goods. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's administration that assumed office a little over a month after his predecessor and now Leader of Opposition Scott Morrison signed the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) with India, has steered its ratification through Parliament. So, the India-Australia partnership enjoys wide, bipartisan support in Canberra – that Australia has been particularly upset with what it called the 'weaponisation of trade' by China, has surely helped galvanise sentiment about India being a more trustworthy partner. While the two countries are already part of recently formed global cliques such as the four-nation Quad, the trilateral Supply Chain Resilience Initiative and the Indo-Pacific Economic Forum (IPEF), the bilateral trade deal is a strong positive signal about India's credentials to a world shuffling its feet away from dodgy supply chains towards a 'China plus one' strategy. Trading partners, some of whom are negotiating similar deals with India, will also be watching the contours of the next phase of talks between the two countries to firm up a more comprehensive treaty.

India expects bilateral trade to rise to about $50 billion from the current level of $31 billion in five years, with Indian exports driving half this surge, creating a million new jobs in labour-intensive sectors. Zero duty benefits on 98.3% of Australian tariff lines, from the day the agreement comes into force, will be extended to all Indian products within five years. Australia, in turn, will get zero duty benefits for 90% of its exports (in value terms) to India. With raw materials such as coal, metals and wool dominating its shipments, that means cheaper inputs for Indian firms. Annual visa quotas for Indian chefs and yoga trainers, and a post-study work visa regime for Indian students will bolster ties, as would the approval of a double taxation avoidance agreement by Australia, which is expected to save millions of dollars a year for Indian IT firms. As India pushes to close trade deals with the U.K., the EU and Canada, the wine import clauses with Australia that envisage an industry-level partnership, could also serve as a template for other spirits. It is critical to remember that trade deals open new doors, but do not automatically mean higher exports or better trade balances, as India's past pacts with ASEAN and Japan have shown. There is no shortcut or alternative to fixing India's overall global competitiveness.

Ukraine, right-wingers and the crisis of democracy

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It's been a bad year. Not only did Russia invade Ukraine, but there were also other disasters that included the burning out of the Swedish pole star of social democratic thought. Olof Palme's since long neglected North-South partnership and non-alignment was scrapped in favour of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)-membership. The election campaign was dominated by issues of immigration and crime, with no clear alternative for the victims of social and civic inequalities. The Social Democratic Party gained votes at the expense of possible allies but lost out to the radical rightist Swedish Democrats, who are now dominating the new conservative government's agenda. Rightists around the world are jubilant. What should leftists and liberal progressives do?

Leading Swedish social democrats want to follow their Danish colleagues who won national elections two months later by accepting the right-wing arguments on refugees and police batons while adding welfare for the "real Danes". But what is left of social democracy if its core principle of democracy based on equality of all people – and international solidarity to sustain it – is undermined?

Leftist social democrats want to counter the rightist thesis of social security through ethnic nationalism with radical economic and social policies. But as German leftist theorist Wolfgang Streeck argues, democratic decisions towards such policies have been undermined by global neoliberalism. And there are few ideas on how to influence international power relations to gain more national autonomy by strengthening progressives around the world. So, the rightists may sustain their support by asserting that it remains necessary to protect the "original citizens" behind nativist borders.

Basic problems need addressing

Acting by way of NATO to help Ukraine and save liberal democracy is also problematic. Russian imperialism must be contained and the countries nearby, including Sweden, which feel particularly threatened, need to coordinate their defence. Perhaps it is effective to do so within NATO. But in the long term, the situation worsens if the adaptation to the priorities of the military alliance reduces the possibilities of countering the fundamental causes of aggressions such as Ukraine, the U.S.'s interventions, and supporting the struggle for rights and democracy as in Turkey and Kurdistan. This was not considered in the security policy analysis that legitimised Sweden's NATO application or even dealt with thoroughly within the Social Democratic Party. Hence, it is time the basic problems are addressed, beyond NATO's provocations and Putin's tsarist dreams.

It is often said that everything is different after February 24 (the Ukraine invasion), but this is not true. From a historical point of view, the Russian onslaught is not a new evil that can be dealt with separately. It is certainly exceptional to start a large-scale brutal war in Europe, but the reasons and methods are largely the same as for the conservative national aggression worldwide in favour of nativist and identity politics, against democratic freedoms and rights, the rule of law, dissidents, ethnic, religious and sexual minorities, women, and immigrants, within and beyond national borders. Most importantly, the right-wing nationalism is in turn largely a reaction to the downsides of the third wave of rights and democracy in the context of neoliberal globalisation. So, the fundamental questions relate to these downsides and how to counter them.

Why liberal democracy has fallen short

The third wave of democracy began among liberals and broadly defined social democrats in the Iberian Peninsula and Latin America in the mid-1970s. It spread to Africa and Asia and was reinforced with the fall of the wall in Berlin and the Soviet Union. Soon, however, the advance of neoliberalism, combined with the enduring imperial western interests, and the continued dominance and corruption of elites in the Global South, undermined the capacity of liberal democracy to offer ordinary people influence as well as justice and prosperity. Liberals and mainstream social democrats lost much of their credibility. And the more radical democratic left in trade unions, social movements and civil society groups was usually weak, fragmented and without political representation.

Many people have instead been attracted by left-wing populism (which has often failed) and, above all, by "strong" right-wing nationalist leaders. In socio-economically imploding Russia, for example, Boris Yeltsin's elitist democratisation was combined with western-backed neo-liberalism and oligarchs who seized public property for their own gain. Dissatisfaction with this allowed Vladimir Putin to criticise the spread of liberalism and NATO. He could offer stability, foster Russian nationalism, win elections and the support of the Church, and strengthen his power through the security service and business partners. In the Global South, outrage over the shortcomings of liberalisation, including corruption, increased too.

Consequently, for example, the leader in India and "strong leaders" such as Rodrigo Duterte and Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines were able to win elections and acquire absolute power, as did Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil. In South Africa, the African National Congress's project was destroyed, and the pro-democrats of the Arab Spring were left to their fate, Syria became an inferno and the refugee flows increased, generating rightist reactions as far north as Scandinavia. In a similar way, the West bet on compromises with the military in Myanmar, which could then crush the democracy movement. In the U.S., Donald Trump also took over and his successors live on, as do Brexit and neo-nationalism in Europe.

Meanwhile, the attempts to spread democracy by military means, as in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya, have failed. The mainstream democracy support takes on a routinised life of its own. Sweden, for one, has even reduced aid to the pro-democracy forces that must be strengthened to solve the problems of plunder and unequal development, and has made special concessions to the Turkish autocracy to get into NATO. The hopeful cases such as Chile, Colombia, Brazil, and India's Kerala are few and short of support. Many people and leaders are critical of the sanctions policies for Ukraine that hits them harder than Russia. Moreover, the invitation of Asian allies against Russia and China to the NATO meeting in Madrid epitomises the rise of a new worldwide Cold War along with rearmament, nuclear threats, proxy wars and support for authoritarian allies at the expense of human rights, democracy, welfare, and the climate.

Building on a countermovement

Therefore, while non-aligned countries in the South may hopefully be able to initiate peace negotiations, we should all do everything to combine the defence against Russia's aggression by countering its root causes: that the third democratic wave has, step by step, nourished an authoritarian reaction because it failed to link neoliberal globalisation with sustainable development and welfare. Consequently, the principles of liberal democracy can only be defended and deepened as part of a broad, social, democratically-oriented countermovement that combines support for pro-democrats with reforms for sustainable development that are based on productive and participatory welfare reforms. There are positive examples, but expansion calls for studies of what is possible and an exchange of experience. This would be a new historic task for concerned scholars, self-critical liberals, environmental and left-wing activists, and social democrats who do not back down to rightist national moods to win elections.

The third democratic wave has nourished an authoritarian reaction as it has failed to link neoliberal globalisation with sustainable development and welfare

A word of advice on OTT and the draft Telecom Bill

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The inclusion of Over The Top or OTT (Communication Services) within the ambit of the draft Indian Telecommunication Bill, 2022 that was unveiled recently for public comments, is a feature that has drawn much attention and comment. What does this mean? And why is it a big deal? Is it a concern only for telcos and technology companies? Or are there larger implications that concern the average citizen? Besides, how will this affect the digital ecosystem in India?

The main argument behind its inclusion is the principle of "same service, same rules". Superficially, it seems logical that communication services, whether provided by telcos or OTTs, should be treated similarly. However, this is completely erroneous. Same service means that as a user, I should be able to substitute one for the other at my own volition. But no OTT provider including those providing communication services such as WhatsApp, Zoom, email, etc. can reach a customer without the intermediation and services of a telecom service provider. But the converse is not true. The absence of OTT is no impediment for a telco to provide its services. OTT communication services are applications or value-added communication services that ride on the basic communication services that telcos provide. The latter is in the domain of carriage and the former is in the domain of applications such as group and video communication, encryption, etc.

So why are telcos rooting for inclusion of OTT communication services within the new Telecom Bill? Quite simply, it is the desire to preserve the arbitrage that exists between voice and data tariffs. In OTT services, the telco gets lower data and not a higher voice/SMS tariff. That arbitrage is anyway doomed and will be extinguished sooner rather than later. Biting the bullet now makes more sense than bringing in a convoluted interpretation in the law.

Heavy-handed versus light-touch regulation

Conversely, there are compelling arguments as to why OTT communication services should be kept out of the ambit of Telecom law which regulates terrestrial carriage. OTT communication services are already covered under the existing IT Act and, presumably, will continue to be so under the proposed Digital India Act. Whether it is encryption, data storage, interception or cooperation with law enforcement, OTTs can be and are regulated – but not licensed or pre-authorised.

So why should there be such a hue and cry if OTT communication services are moved from the purview of the IT Act to the Telecom Law? Simply put, the proposed Telecom Bill and the current Telegraph Act are based on the principle that provision of telecommunication services is the sole privilege of the government except to the extent that private entities are permitted – read licensed or authorised. On the other hand, the IT Act, which regulates technology usage, is based on the exact opposite premise: everything is permitted except that which is specifically and explicitly barred and subject to any mandatory requirements that must be met. A similar principle operates in respect of content, which the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, Prasar Bharti and the Censor Board, regulate. It is precisely this wide latitude that is afforded in technology/applications and content that enables and encourages creativity, innovation, new products and venture capital funding.

More worrisome is that the inflow of venture capital funding to OTTs would be severely discouraged. It is well nigh impossible to distinguish an OTT communication service from any other OTT platform because every OTT platform such as Flipkart, Ola, MakeMyTrip does incorporate an element of messaging. How does one make a distinction between an OTT communication service provider and any other OTT platform or service that includes communication services? This is an impossible task. Only lawyers would celebrate the legal quagmire that would ensue from any such attempt.

What if only the communications component of OTTs were to be regulated? That would be equally problematic since requiring a license or authorisation for an element that is an inherent part of a platform's activity would be tantamount to control of the entire activity. Licensing innovation is a contradiction in terms.

Yet another factor is that the Telecom Bill will impact only India-based OTT players. Those operating from overseas would not be impacted. This would seriously handicap Indian service providers vis a vis their foreign competitors. Do we want this? It is not accidental that the exclusive privilege of government is confined to carriage which is confined to geographical boundaries.

Regulate OTT communication services

The bottomline is that including OTT communication service providers within the ambit of the Telecom Bill is a deeply flawed idea that could seriously compromise the energy, innovation and funding that characterises India's startup ecosystem today. Hardly any other country has equated OTT communication services with foundational telecommunication services. Instead, the Government would be well-advised to include whatever controls are deemed necessary in the soon-to-be unveiled Digital India Act.

Including OTT communication service providers within the ambit of the Telecom Bill could compromise the energy, innovation and funding that characterises India's startup ecosystem

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The 'yes-man' syndrome

It was amusing to read the report, "Election Commissioner shouldn't be 'yes-man' SC" (November 24). Show me one Minister or a party man in the ruling party who is not a "yes-man". TV channels, newspapers and many forms of the media unashamedly rejoice in drawing the attention of the ruling party by identifying themselves as "yes-men". This 'trend' is widely prevalent right from elementary school all the way up. Why single out only the CEC?

C.K. Prem Kumar,
Kalvakulam, Palakkad, Kerala

It is both saddening and shameful that questions that ought to be asked by the Opposition parties to the majoritarian government of the day, are being raised by the Supreme Court. If the Election Commissioner too is treated by the ruling dispensation as a 'yes-man' — as in many instances — how can there be free and fair elections? Apart from engineering horse-trading, defections and crossovers from other parties, the 'national party' appears to want to utilise the Election Commissioner as a puppet. If at all there was one Chief Election Commissioner who was fearless and struck fear, it was none other than T.N. Seshan.

D. Sethuraman,
Chennai

This is a time in India where Governors are only seen as agents of the Centre and political defections and horse trading are the new normal. The top court is absolutely right in its line of questioning. A neutral and independent mechanism has to find a place.

Madhusree Guha,
Kolkata

Now, Japan

Following Saudi Arabia, which created history, is Japan with its astounding win over Germany. There is no doubt that things have been spiced up at Doha and many of us are looking forward to witnessing more thrilling matches ahead.

Rajakumar Arulanandham,
Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu

Qatar has seen more first round upsets than any other World Cup. The minnows are having a field day.

A.V. Narayanan,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Corrections & Clarifications

Many readers pointed out an error in the opening paragraph of a Sports page report headlined "Rain-hit third T20I ends in a tie; India wins series" (November 23, 2022) that said India won the final T20I via Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method to claim the three-match series 1-0. The third match indeed ended in a tie as given in the heading.

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Can poor countries afford to go green?

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PARLEY

The 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) concluded on November 20 in Sharm el-Sheikh Egypt. Nearly 200 countries pledged to set up a 'loss and damage fund' to help vulnerable countries affected by climate change. Developing countries have welcomed this development, which has been a long-time demand. Developed nations, however, are not satisfied with the level of commitment that poor countries have shown towards cutting down greenhouse gas emissions and phasing out fossil fuels. In a discussion moderated by **Prashanth Perumal J.**, Navroz Dubash and Tejal Kanitkar discuss issues surrounding the cost of going green. Edited excerpts:

What is the likely economic cost of climate change? How can poor countries weigh the cost of climate change against the economic cost of cutting down on fossil fuel use?

Navroz K. Dubash: It is well established that the cost of climate change impact is considerable to economies. As temperatures rise, the cost of not addressing climate change is likely to rise. There's enough science to suggest that this cost is high. The question of weighing the relative costs of trying to mitigate climate change against the cost of climate change impact is more complex. We must not think about mitigation as a distinct thing, but instead think about the kinds of transitions that are required to bring about mitigation. For example, there is a shift towards lower emission energy systems around the world; that's a technological shift and the cost of those technologies has decreased to the point where they are now more or less cost competitive with coal-fired power plants. It makes economic sense to invest in these technologies. But the transition is difficult and is going to be costly. I think that's how we should frame this, not whether but how we have to get there, and also how those costs are borne.

Tejal Kanitkar: First, are the costs of the fight against climate change high? Yes. The fight is long and includes not just mitigation costs. Often the focus is solely on estimates for the cost of mitigation. Many of these estimates are speculative, and we can err on either side. For example, even 15 years ago, we could not have anticipated the sharp drop in solar prices that we're seeing today. However, what makes the fight against climate change much harder is that for developing countries, much of our infrastructure is yet to be built. How possible is it to build this with just renewable energy technologies? There is a discourse around the opportunity offered by renewable energy that downplays the serious trade-offs that exist in moving away from known technology too soon.

A crude oil refinery in Kochi. AP

Is it fair to expect developing countries to reach the per capita income levels of developed countries with the use of renewable energy?

TK: Even the basic minimum, in terms of universal well-being, would require much higher levels of energy. Much of our infrastructure is yet to be built. We need roads, housing, hospitals, schools, industries, etc. Is this all possible with renewable energy? No, it is difficult. We need other sources of energy, which are equally fraught with other concerns. The developing world does not have the luxury of using fossil fuels in an unconstrained manner, which the developed world has had. Climate change is real; we are going to face the impact. So, we have to pursue more deliberate, purposeful and optimal utilisation of fossil fuels that will allow us to bootstrap ourselves to a low carbon future. This is not going to be easy, but it is necessary; the developing world is much more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. We need to utilise our fair share of carbon to build resilience and create the means to transition to a non-fossil fuel future. It is important, however, that our efforts are not utilised by developed countries to free ride on us, and that the benefits of our efforts must accrue back to us.

NKD: We don't have the luxury of unconstrained fossil fuel use or high carbon energy trajectories. If we all chose a high carbon path to development, the impacts of climate change would make development itself much less tenable and would undermine the benefits we seek from development. Does this mean that we are obligated to a maximally low carbon path? No. This is where your belief regarding the renewable energy opportunities available becomes very relevant. If you think that there aren't many opportunities, you won't deviate much from a high-carbon path. If you think there are opportunities, you might deviate quite a lot. The solution really lies in focusing on finding common ground between economic development and climate mitigation efforts.

We need to search for opportunities in the

> The solution lies in focusing on finding common ground between economic development and climate mitigation efforts.
> **NAVROZ K. DUBASH**

renewable energy space and sustainable urbanisation. Let me give examples. We have to build our cities around public transport and to some extent around walking and biking, to achieve lower emissions. Studies have shown that if you internalise the health costs of coal-fired power plants, about half of coal-fired power plants today are not economically viable. There are lots of reasons aside from climate change to accelerate this transition.

TK: These are developmental objectives that we must meet and there are likely to be some overlaps. Public transportation is a given. But if we frame the entire economy-wide transition in this way, we might end up in a situation where we only look for developmental options that have mitigation co-benefits also. That would be dangerous because we have examples of serious trade-offs in agriculture, for example. Recommending restrictions on providing irrigation to farmers because it would mean more energy, more emissions, etc. is a problem because irrigation leads to increased productivity, which improves the resilience of farmers. So, we must be careful that the idea of mitigation does not overshadow development.

NKD: I don't think anybody is claiming that mitigation should be the dominant objective of development policy. The question is, can you approach this as a multiple objective problem where you are looking at development as encompassing many things including growth, distribution, air pollution, local environment benefits and a low carbon future? Is it legitimate to include mitigation outcomes or a lower carbon objective as one among several things that you seek to manage your policy around? I argue that it is. I agree we need to look at both opportunities and trade-offs. Look at those opportunities in a clear and objective way, with mitigation being one among a slew of different objectives. It can be weighted less, but we should have our eye open to it.

Given the carbon footprint of many green technologies, can they actually help cut down greenhouse gas emissions? And are there solutions to the climate crisis that address the root of the climate issue, which is that it is a global commons problem?

TK: Analysis of the life cycle emissions of renewable energy sources has shown that they are less compared to fossil fuels. But there are other factors such as battery materials, raw materials mining, etc. whose impact we will know only later as the use of green energy increases. This is the nature of technology, and we will have to innovate to address these issues. There are arguments that favour restricting demand, going back to traditional ways of doing things, etc. I think while sustainable consumption must inform our choices, glorification of the traditional ways of doing things ignores the hardship this means for large sections, particularly women.

Yes, the carbon space must be thought of as an example of the global commons. Its fair distribution must be the starting point of the way in which we think about the utilisation of these commons. Policies for imposing caps on emissions must be designed with this understanding. But no high-income or even upper middle-income countries have been able to achieve high levels of human development without overshooting their fair share of the carbon space. So, just being within our carbon space is going to be a challenge for India.

NKD: Fossil fuel use should go to where it has the greatest welfare gains. A tonne of fossil fuel use gives you much greater welfare gains in poor countries where the use is lower. Poorer countries should also try to limit emissions not just for global reasons, but because they will have all these other associated development benefits. Let's not forget that limiting emissions is likely to be convergent with the goal of India becoming a more competitive economy in the future. India in the past made the mistake of focusing on deployment, and not manufacturing, of renewable energy. We now think more in terms of becoming competitive producers in these new low carbon technology spaces, which is good. It is a good approach to claim a large carbon space if we need it, but try as hard as possible not to utilise that claim.

Regarding the global commons, the climate crisis is a global collective action problem. As a political problem, it requires countries to agree to cap their emissions many decades into the future. Political systems work on three, five or seven-year cycles. So, we have a gap between the scientific and political understanding of the problem. At the end of the day, this is going to be dominated by the political understanding. I don't think we will have a political agreement on the allocation of carbon budgets. What we will have is political agreement on the means of support to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon future. That's what India needs to focus on.

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NOTEBOOK

The challenge of dressing without knowing where to go

Reporters don't always know what story they will be assigned for the day, which can make occasion-appropriate dressing tricky

Soma Basu

Back in the time when TV journalism had not invaded our drawing rooms, it was easy to recognise mediapersons, especially those on daily beat assignments, as they would mostly be underdressed. The popular, representative image of journalists, especially city reporters, includes the casual kurta-pajama and a cloth bag on the shoulder, meant to signify that reporters are not mindful of fashion while at work; they are only interested in what they are writing.

But a wrong attire can get embarrassing. How does a reporter decide what to wear to work? On any given day, a city reporter's preferred choice is easy and comfort wear for better mobility. However, not all assignments are pre-planned – a reporter could suddenly be asked to go to a crime scene, a slum area, or to speak to somebody high profile. And clothes are your armour: how you are addressed often depends on how you dress.

When I began my career as a reporter three decades ago, there were occasions when I regretted my day's attire, which I chose unknowingly. In the 1980s, there was a terrorist attack inside a Kali puja pandal at Chittaranjan Park in south Delhi. The next morning, which was the day of the festival, I went to office in a bright, new salwar-kameez. The chief reporter suggested I speak to one of the families who had lost most of their members in the shooting, as I speak fluent Bengali.

I distinctly remember the lane that led to the house. It was chock-a-block with mourners and I had to wade through the crowd. But I stopped midway. It was the colour of the moment that hit me hard. Everyone around me was dressed in white or in sober shades. I was like a fish out of water in my festive colours. It did not feel appropriate to go further. I did not want to draw attention, and moved away with the photographer. We couldn't afford to miss a story either, so we went to the hospital where two surviving members of the family had been admitted.

On another occasion, I walked into office for the night shift after attending a friend's engagement function. A reporter on night duty mostly has to keep a tab on crime incidents and file press releases. But as luck would have it, riots broke out just before midnight in old Delhi. I rushed to the spot. The police, the mob and curious onlookers had spilled onto the narrow lanes. Power supply had been cut off and the potholed streets were full of water from water cannons, a standard practice to quell the mob. It was a chaotic scene in the dark and I cursed myself for wearing a sari to work.

In 1997, after the morning meeting, I was asked to meet a party member of Lalu Prasad's newly formed Rashtriya Janata Dal, following the fodder scam. I waited for him in a room in Bihar Bhawan. His gaze, when he walked into the room, made me instantly uncomfortable. I was wearing jeans and a T-shirt. He scanned me from head to toe and asked if I was married. Nervous, I retreated, but not before telling him to mind his manners and language. Thankfully, the bureau chief supported me in my decision to return.

To be dressed decently and comfortably is important for field reporters. A reporter can be pragmatic, empathetic or assertive in any outfit, but how they are dressed should not be the first thing that people notice about them. What reporters wear depends on their role. The newsroom style may have changed over the years, but versatility continues to be important. Reporters need to blend in on most occasions. And yet there are days, as I learned, when you are caught unawares.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

Back to the future

Students of the St. Aloysius' Anglo-Indian School run out of their classroom for a Physical Training class, in Visakhapatnam. The school is celebrating its 175th anniversary on November 25 and 26. When the first Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales reached Visakhapatnam in 1846, there was an army school in the Fort area, conducted on Protestant lines. Fr. Tissot, the first M.S.F.S. resident priest, decided to start a Catholic school. The St. Aloysius' Anglo-Indian School was born in 1847. K.R. Deepak

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 25, 1972

Tapes fail to record PM's 'Dawn' interview

New Delhi, Nov. 24: The acting Editor-in-Chief of Pakistan newspaper "Dawn", Mr. Mazhar Ali Khan, has said that the tape recorder used in the interview which he and his colleague Mr. Najiulla had with the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, did not function. In the article published in his paper on his recent visit to Delhi and Dacca, Mr. Mazhar Ali Khan said that they had kept their note books unopened at the interview, confident that every word of Mrs. Gandhi was being recorded. "On coming out of her room," he said, "we asked for the Cassette and were informed by a flabbergasted official that for the first time in the history of the Information Department a tape recorder used by the Prime Minister had not functioned and the tape was completely blank." He writes, "An interesting side light on human nature or the state of Indo-Pakistan relations – is that when, in reply to questions from various people in both India and Pakistan, we explained why our interview had not been published, the first reaction of many of them was "sabotage". Unless Delhi's Information Department has been infiltrated by Jan Sangh men (or if the current campaign in India be considered, by CIA agents), it is difficult to understand how or why anyone would dare to tamper with a tape recorder taking down what the Indian Prime Minister had to say..." Explaining the delay in the publication of the interview, Mr. Khan said they had to request Mrs. Gandhi to redictate her answers to their questions.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 25, 1922

In England

Though unemployment is at present widespread in England there is a certain amount of optimism in Sheffield regarding the steel trade. Mr. Cowper, managing director of a firm manufacturing steel rails, said today he believed the bulk of unemployment in Sheffield would have passed away by spring. Large orders for locomotives, wagons, carriages and other railway material were expected.

From Page One

SC questions 'lightning speed' of EC selection

Mr. Venkataramani said he could show a whole number of appointments made after 2015, which had taken a maximum of two to three days. "Are we finding fault with quick appointments?" he asked.

Justice Aniruddha Bose pointed out that Mr. Goel had taken voluntary retirement and was appointed EC the very next day. "Does it happen like that?" he asked. Mr. Venkataramani replied that it could have been a "coincidence".

Justice Joseph said Mr. Goel's records show excellent academic credentials, but asked whether brilliance and competency was enough of a guard against docility. The Attorney General said 'docility' was subjective and depended on the lens through which the court wanted to view a person. "It is not that we find some docile person lurking there and decide to appoint him," he shot back.

Justice Joseph said Mr. Goel's name was picked from a panel of four names prepared by the Law Minister. The court questioned the process by which the Law Minister had zeroed in on these four names from the entire database of the Department of Personnel and Training.

Tenure of CEC, ECs

The court pointed out that the law required both the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and the two Election Commissioners (ECs) to have separate six-year tenures. The court said the government has reduced the scope of candidates to just bureaucrats and ensured that neither the CEC nor the ECs serve their full term. The government said ECs were "elevated" as CECs. "A CEC is a person to be appointed in his own right. You have made it into a promotion source. You are supposed to appoint a person directly as CEC. You have made ECs a feeder category. The founding fathers contemplated a CEC who will hold office for six years independently... not as a promotion," Justice Joseph addressed the government.

Mr. Venkataramani countered that, by that logic, a person who is appointed as EC would get six years in office and another six years as CEC.

"Are you saying that you have to necessarily appoint an EC as CEC?" Justice Joseph asked.

The top law officer said that was how the law stood today. "Where is that law? Show us... The law says CEC and ECs should separately have six-year terms... And in case, he or she turns 65, will vacate office. But what are you doing, and doing for a long time... You are promoting ECs to CECs and ensuring that both don't have a full term of six years, which is contrary to the law," Justice Joseph said.

The court said that three of the four candidates on the panel from which Mr. Goel was picked were 62 years old and could not have completed a full term of six years. Mr. Venkataramani said the names were selected on the basis of the IAS batches and seniority.

"Are you saying that only persons who are on the verge of retirement, who will definitely not get the term of six years, are carefully picked and chosen? If so, you are violating the law," Justice Joseph retorted. The Attorney General said "weighing the relative suitability of a large number of people" for the post of EC was a "difficult experience".

"It will be if you have to do it in a day... You took just one day, November 18," Justice Joseph responded.

'Domestic demand to offset dent in exports'

Those pressures were also set to dampen, thanks to easing international commodity prices and the arrival of the Kharif crop, the Ministry said.

India's retail inflation has exceeded 7% in all but two months since April, and stood at 6.8% in October.

The Finance Ministry also emphasised in its monthly review that demand under the rural employment guarantee scheme (MGNREGS) had fallen last month to its lowest level this year, adding that the sharp rise in tractor sales in September and October reflects "improved sentiments and an expected increase in crop area sown".

"A rapid deterioration in global growth prospects, high inflation, and worsening financial conditions have increased fears of an impending global recession," the Ministry noted, adding that the "spillovers" of this slowdown "may dampen India's exports businesses outlook".

India's goods exports contracted for the first time since February 2021 in October, with the slowdown in China also affecting global trade. China's economic slowdown had also "exacerbated the effects of high inflation and borrowing costs". "China's exports contracted in October 2022, the first time since May 2020, as local curbs and lower global demand impacted the country's trade," it pointed out. "However, resilient domestic demand, a re-invigorated investment cycle along with strengthened financial system and structural reforms will provide impetus to economic growth going forward," the Ministry said.

Recruitments will improve

"Hiring by firms is likely to witness an improvement in upcoming quarters driven by a rebound in new business gains as firms continue to benefit from the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and the possible sustaining of the sales momentum witnessed during the festival season," it said.

The recent financial upheavals in crypto exchanges and connected intermediaries, the review noted, is "a reminder of unknown unknowns" even as the global economy continues to navigate turbulence.

U.S. remark comparing Modi to Saudi PM was unnecessary, says India

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson also dismisses USCIRF's updated report, which criticises India, as 'biased and inaccurate' and lacking in understanding of its robust democratic system

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Criticising the U.S. State Department's comparison of immunity given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi since 2014 to the legal immunity now given to Saudi Crown Prince and PM Mohammed bin Salman, the government on Thursday said the U.S. comments were not "relevant, necessary or contextual".

The External Affairs Ministry also took aim at the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) for issuing a "Country Update" that accused the government of "engaging in or tolerating systematic, ongoing, and egregious religious freedom violations".

Speaking about a report that said Mr. Modi had hoped to travel to the U.S. for a state visit in December this year, the Ministry spokesperson, Arindam Bagchi, said the government had made no such proposal.

Warm greeting: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden during their recent meeting in Bali. REUTERS

"We have seen the biased and inaccurate observations about India by the USCIRF. Their tendency to consistently misrepresent facts shows a lack of understanding of India, its constitutional framework, plurality and robust democratic system," he said.

'Crackdown on dissent'

The "Country Update" had referred to India's "crackdown on civil society and dissent", pointing to the imprisonment and harassment of "journalists, lawyers, rights activists, academics, political leaders, religious minorities, and others critical of its policies". It recommended that the U.S. State Department, which periodically releases a list of countries being watched for religious freedom issues, designate India as a Country of Particular Concern (CPC).

He said the government had not protested with the U.S. Embassy or government, as the USCIRF is a U.S. Congressional body, not a government one. Mr. Bagchi expressed surprise at a comment by U.S. State Department spokesperson Vedant Patel on November 18 on the U.S. visa ban. Mr. Patel had said, in response to a number of questions from the U.S. press corps over the Biden administration's decision to give Saudi Prince Mohammed immunity in the Jamal Khashoggi murder case, that the U.S. had given similar immunity to Mr. Modi and a number of other leaders like former Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, former Congolese President Laurent Kabila and former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

"I fail to understand how [the State Department's] comment on PM Modi was necessary, relevant or contextual. Our two countries enjoy a very special relationship that is going from strength to strength, and we look forward to deepening it," Mr. Bagchi said.

SC Collegium lists seven High Court judges for transfer

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Justice Kariel, whose proposed transfer led to protests in Gujarat HC Bar, is not on the list

The Supreme Court Collegium led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud published on Thursday its resolution recommending the transfer of seven High Court judges. Justice Nikhil S. Kariel of the Gujarat High Court judge is not among them.

T. Raja, Acting Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, and Justice A. Abhishek Reddy of the Telangana High Court, however, figure on the list. Justice Raja was recommended for transfer to the Rajasthan High Court.

The judges recommended for transfer include Justice V.M. Velumani from Madras to Calcutta; Justices Battu Devanand and D. Ramesh from Andhra Pradesh to Madras and Allahabad, respectively; Justices Lalitha Kanneganti and D. Nagarjun from Telangana to Karnataka and Madras, respectively.

The Collegium resolution shows the decision to propose the transfer of these seven judges was taken at its meeting on November 24.

Social media reports and news articles had over the past few days reported that the Collegium met on November 16 to recommend the transfers of Justices Kariel, Reddy and Raja.

Lawyers' protest

It was reported that Justice Kariel, like Justice Reddy, was proposed by the Collegium to be transferred to the Patna High Court. The reports had triggered protests in the Gujarat High Court Bar against the transfer of Justice Kariel, whom the lawyers described as a "fine, honest judge". They had boycotted work and the agitation had spread to Telangana, where lawyers had objected to the reported transfer of Justice Reddy. They too had declared strike. Madras High Court lawyers had also expressed their displeasure over the transfer of Justice Raja.

Currency in circulation is almost double that in use before demonetisation: Chidambaram

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) figures show ₹32.18 lakh crore currency in circulation now in India, almost double the ₹17.97 lakh crore of currency in use just before demonetisation in November 2016, senior advocate P. Chidambaram submitted before a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court on Thursday.

Appearing before the five-judge Bench led by Justice S. Abdul Nazeer, Mr. Chidambaram was countering the government's argument that demonetisation was a "transformational economic policy step" that led to phenomenal growth in digital transactions.

Official claim: The government's argument is that demonetisation led to phenomenal growth in digital transactions. GETTY IMAGES

The government claimed that the withdrawal of ₹500 and ₹1,000 banknotes, which had at the time formed more than 80% of the currency in circulation, was a "critical" part of a policy push to thin the ranks of the informal cash-based sector.

The Ministry had said, post demonetisation, the volume of digital payment transactions had increased from 1.09 lakh transactions of value of ₹6,952 crore in the entire year of 2016 to 730 crore transactions of the value of more than ₹12 lakh crore in the single month of October 2022.

Quoting RBI figures to make his point, Mr. Chidambaram said, "In times of distress, the people fall back on currency."

"It is completely wrong to say advanced countries have become cashless... currency in circulation has increased. Since 2016, currency represented an overwhelming or large part of payments. There is more cash with the people... That is economic logic," he said, leading submissions for petitioners who have challenged demonetisation in 2016.

He said as the GDP grew, there would be more people with more income; there would be a requirement for more currency. "That is why the right to issue currency is given to one independent authority, the RBI, which has a huge section which researches and decides what is the cash in circulation that people need to carry out their daily activities," he submitted.

He went on to say, "Simply by demonetisation, you withdraw over 80% of currency...it does not mean people do not require currency. They do. As you can see, ₹17.97 lakh crore has ballooned to ₹32.18 lakh crore...With humility, I can make the prediction that it will continue to grow and it ought to..."

Hold 'Art of Living' classes, UGC tells universities

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The University Grants Commission has asked universities and colleges to host sessions on "meditation and mental health" developed by the founder of the Art of Living Foundation, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

The meditation programme has been developed by the Art of Living Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture as part of the *Har Ghar Dhyan* (or meditation in every house) campaign, which is a "part of *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav* to mark 75 years of Independence", says the circular by UGC Secretary Rajnish Jain.

CBI will probe border firing, Shah assures Meghalaya

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah assured Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma on Thursday that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) will probe the November 22 incident in which six persons were killed on the Assam-Meghalaya boundary.

The Union Home Ministry tweeted that Mr. Sangma met Mr. Shah (in Delhi) and "requested CBI inquiry into unfortunate incident on Assam-Meghalaya border." The Assam government has also requested a CBI enquiry.

Earlier in the day, the district administration of East Khasi Hills in Meghalaya issued a statement urging the people of Shillong not to resort to panic-buying of fuel, "in view of rumours" about the shortage of petrol and diesel. The government has issued a letter to the police to ensure the safety of oil tankers entering their districts.

India, Iran discuss development of Chabahar Port

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Ali Bagheri Kani, Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs of Iran, is in New Delhi

India and Iran held Foreign Office Consultations on Thursday during the visit of Tehran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Ali Bagheri Kani here.

Dr. Kani, who is a close relative of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, handles Iran's nuclear negotiations and is considered to be part of the ruling elite of the Iranian state. This is the first high-profile visit from Iran since the crackdown on democratic protesters began in the country in the second fortnight of September. India has not commented about the ongoing crackdown so far.

"During the delegation-level talks, the two sides reiterated their commitment to continue cooperation for development of the Shahid Beheshti terminal of the Chabahar Port," said the Ministry of External Affairs in a press note released after the talks between the two delegations. Asked if India would restart buying Iranian oil, the Ministry spokesperson said there were no updates.

The Indian delegation to the meeting was led by Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra. The Ministry said the "entire gamut of bilateral relations including political, economic, cultural and consular" aspects were discussed during the consultations. "The two sides exchanged views on regional and international issues including Afghanistan. Deputy Foreign Minister Dr. Kani briefed the Foreign Secretary on issues related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action," said a release.

'Can make pro-farmer changes to crop scheme'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Thursday said it is open to taking "pro-farmer changes" in the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) to meet the challenges of recent climate crisis and rapid technological advances.

Manoj Ahuja, Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, said the Centre had taken major revamp measures in the scheme after 2016 to address new challenges. His statement comes in the wake of reports of protests against the scheme by the farmers and the Opposition, demanding an overhaul to make it farmer-friendly.

Recently, CPI MP Binoy Viswam wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking a Comptroller and Auditor General's audit on the alleged irregularities. Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had sought an investigation into the scheme in Odisha.

Indian military must abstain from vitriolic communication: Pak.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In the interest of peace for the region, the Indian military would do well to abstain from "irresponsible rhetoric and vitriolic communication to shore up electoral support for their political masters' regressive ideology", Pakistan said on Thursday.

The statement from Pakistan came after Northern Army chief Lt. Gen. Upendra Dwivedi's remark that the Indian Army would carry out any order given by the government while referring to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's comments on getting back Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. "The unwarranted statement of a high-ranking Indian Army Officer concerning Azad Jammu and Kashmir is an apt manifestation of Indian Armed Forces' delusional mindset and showcases the vivid imprint of domestic political showboating on Indian military thought," the statement said.

APPEAL

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Victim of its own success, BJP searches for the right campaign tone

NEWS ANALYSIS

Varghese K. George
AHMEDABAD

Elections in Gujarat are usually boisterous, with political parties at daggers drawn. But this time, the campaigning is uncharacteristically muted – largely due to subdued electioneering by the Congress. In marked contrast to the 2017 Assembly election, when the Congress attempted a blitzkrieg led by Rahul Gandhi against the ruling BJP, its campaign in 2022 has been restrained. The party believes a diffuse campaign has denied the BJP an easy route to framing the election as a referendum on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. From 2002 onwards, it was around the Congress's high-pitched attack on him that Mr. Modi had built his politics and persona. The BJP campaign this time, too, centres on Mr. Modi, with Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel finding little space even on the backdrop. But the Congress's attack is not focussed on Mr. Modi. The absence of Mr. Gandhi and the omission of grand themes have created relatively more space for conversations on governance in the State.

With the Congress piping down, the BJP is in need of a worthy adversary to animate its base. Medha Patkar, who was the face of the campaign against the Narmada dam, which is now a piece of Gujarati pride, the Muslim man who allegedly killed his Hindu live-in partner in Delhi in a savage manner, and alleged insults by the Congress directed at Mr. Modi in previous campaigns have all featured in the BJP's attempt to conjure up a threat to Gujaratis and Hindus. However, Gujarati Hindus are far from feeling threatened at this point – the BJP has made them so self-assured that the party faces the threat of being a victim of its own success.

'Gujarat consensus'

The BJP is the lead custodian of what political scientist Mona Mehta of Ahmedabad University calls "Gujarat consensus" – a shared notion of the State's Hindus regarding the cultural, economic and political order of the State. "There is no contesting that consensus in the Gujarat elections," Ms. Mehta said.

"This consensus may be driven by the urban, upper caste middle class of the State, but there is large buy-in from all communities." With economic, religious and caste order so

High stakes: BJP supporters at a rally by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Dehgam, Gujarat on Thursday. VIJAY SONEJI

entrenched, politics in the State is more about management and less about transformation.

Gujarati sub-nationalism blends well with Hindutva, but the takeover of India's national politics by two politicians from the State – Mr. Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah – appears to have weakened the potency of the cocktail. The Hindutva takeover of Delhi has fundamentally changed Gujarat's relations with the national capital. Until 2014, Mr. Modi used to accuse the 'Delhi Sultanate' of disparaging the State, and then he became the Prime Minister. Victimhood and exceptionalism used to ferment the combination of regionalism and Hindutva – the self-image that the State thrived on despite the discrimination by Delhi. This time, that narrative is the weakest in the last 25 years – the Centre has tilted the scales to ensure that three mega projects originally planned in Maharashtra moved to Gujarat ahead of the election, including the Tata Airbus aircraft manufacturing and Vedanta-Foxconn semiconductor manufacturing facilities.

The expanding consensus on the Gujarat model in recent decades has narrowed the distinction between the BJP and the Congress, which is more of a problem for the former than the latter now. Political attitudes and social spheres of the supporters of both parties converge neatly around the "Gujarat consensus". It is true that a larger proportion of the voters who are distant from the consensus lean towards the Congress. The farther one is from that consensus, the more likely she is to vote for the Congress – rural voters, tribespeople and Muslims.

Muslim votes

The main barrier for the Congress is that the Hindu middle class sees it as sympathetic to Muslims, a big turn-off for it. With the disappearance of Muslims from the political sphere of Gujarat, the fear of the Muslim is not what it used to be. The State has seen no Muslim mobilisation in recent years, be it on the Citizenship (Amendment) Act or the release of convicts in the Bilkis Bano case. Realising that active participation in politics is self-defeating, Muslims have resigned themselves to the reality of Hindutva dominance. The community has cold-shouldered All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen leader Asaduddin Owaisi's attempt to stir them up. The influential *Gujarat Samachar* newspaper started terming him the "green lotus" – suggesting that he is in cahoots with the BJP.

The communal rhetoric in the State is also blunted by the Aam Aadmi Party, which is amplifying the class divides that are masked by the Gujarati consensus. It is showering promises of welfare schemes. Though party chief Arvind Kejriwal's ability to alter the shared notion of the Gujarati voter remains an open question, he has dented the edge of communal politics in Gujarat, paradoxically, by pandering to Hindu sentiments, and keeping a distance from Muslims while not being brazenly anti-Muslim.

'Police putting pressure on SP workers to help BJP'

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

A delegation of Samajwadi Party (SP) leaders led by the chief spokesperson, Rajendra Chaudhary, submitted a memorandum to the State's Chief Electoral Officer in Lucknow on Thursday, demanding immediate removal of the Karhal and Barnahal station house officers (SHO).

"Karhal and Barnahal police station in-charges, six inspectors, 13 inspectors and more than 100 head constables, are pressurising SP workers, supporters to campaign for the ruling BJP. We demand removal of these policemen from Mainpuri with immediate effect, so free and fair poll could be conducted," the memorandum read.

Dimple Yadav, wife of SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, is the party's candidate, while Raghuraj Singh Shakya, a two-term Lok Sabha member, is representing the BJP.

The BJP's arithmetic behind Mr. Shakya's candidature is his social affiliation as the Shakya community constitutes the second largest electorate base after Yadavs in the parliamentary segment.

Unemployment rate dips marginally to 7.2% in July-September: survey

It was 7.6% in the previous quarter and 9.8% in the corresponding period in 2021, according to data from the National Statistical Office; labour force participation rate rises to 47.9% from 46.9%

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The unemployment rate in urban areas for persons above the age of 15 eased to 7.2% in July-September from 9.8% a year ago and 7.6% in the previous quarter, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) here on Thursday.

The unemployment rate was 6.6% for men and 9.4% for women. The rate was 9.3% and 11.6%, respectively, in July-September 2021. The unemployment ratio is defined as the percentage of persons unemployed among the persons in the labour force.

The worker population ratio (WPR) also witnessed a marginal increase compared with last year's. The WPR is defined as the percentage of employed persons in the population. The WPR in urban areas for persons aged 15 and above stood at 44.5% in July-September 2022, an increase from 42.3% in the corresponding period in 2021. It was 43.9% in April-June 2022. The WPR among men was 68.6% and among women, 19.7%. It was 66.6% and 17.6%, respectively, in 2021.

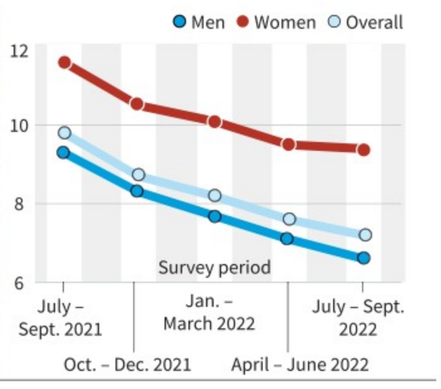
The labour force participation rate (LFPR), defined as the percentage of persons in labour force who are working or seeking or available for work in the population, in urban areas for persons aged 15 and above, increased to 47.9% in July-September 2022, from 46.9% in the corresponding period in 2021. It was 47.5% in April-June 2022. The LFPR among men was 73.4% and 21.7% among women. In 2021, it was 73.5% and 19.9%, respectively.

Ashoka University's Centre for Economic Data and Analysis on Thursday said in a release that over the past two decades, the LFPR of women has been steadily declining, despite an increase in their educational attainment.

"This has serious consequences, both for the lives of Indian women and for the country at large," it said.

Unemployment declines

The unemployment rate (%) in urban areas dipped further to 7.2% in the June to September 2022 period, according to latest Periodic Labour Force Survey. However, among women, the decline in the unemployment rate was less pronounced



Criminal cases against 167 candidates in Gujarat: ADR

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

As many as 167 of the 788 candidates contesting the Gujarat Assembly election in the first phase are facing criminal cases, according to an analysis by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR). Of them, 100 candidates are facing serious charges such as murder and rape.

The report has been prepared based on the affidavits filed by the candidates along with their nomination papers on the criminal cases they are facing,

About 36% of the candidates of the Aam Aadmi Party, which is contesting 88 of 89 seats, are facing criminal cases. The Congress has 31 candidates facing charges. It has fielded candidates on all 89 seats.

The ruling BJP is also contesting all seats in the first phase of the election and has fielded 14 candidates with criminal records or background.

Sachin Pilot a traitor, he can't be made CM, says Ashok Gehlot

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Ashok Gehlot

In the sharpest-ever attack on his former deputy, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday called Sachin Pilot a "traitor" and insisted that he could not be made the Chief Minister, as he had staged a rebellion and tried to topple his own government in 2020.

Mr. Pilot termed the allegations "false and baseless".

In an interview with *NDTV*, Mr. Gehlot said that the State's Congress MLAs would never accept a person who had revolted and was identified as a traitor.

"He betrayed the party. He is a traitor. He doesn't have even 10 MLAs [with him]. How can the people accept him?" Mr. Gehlot said.

He alleged that the BJP had distributed ₹10 crore each to the MLAs led by Mr. Pilot, who holed up in a resort in Haryana in 2020.

RTI portal of Supreme Court launched

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday launched its Right to Information (RTI) portal to help people access information about the Supreme Court. The announcement about the portal, through which people can file RTI applications online, was made by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud in his courtroom before his Bench began work for the day.

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Shah says BJP will bring in Uniform Civil Code

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP is committed to implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the country, but only after discussions and by following all democratic processes, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday, speaking at an event organised by the news channel *Times Now*.

Mr. Shah said the UCC had been a promise of the BJP since the days of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. "Not only the BJP, but the Constituent Assembly had also advised Parliament and States that the UCC should come in the country at an opportune time," he said.

He said in any secular country, laws should not be based on religion. "For every believer, there should be one law passed by Parliament or the State Assemblies," he said.

Rewrite history afresh, not just complain that it is distorted: Home Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said that it was not enough to complain that history had been distorted, adding that the time had come to rewrite it.

He urged scholars and students to come forward and research at least 30 kingdoms that ruled any part of India for more than 150 years.

Mr. Shah was speaking at the 400th birth anniversary celebration of the 17th century Ahom Army General Lachit Borphukan. Had it not been for Borphukan, the northeast would not have been part of India, the Home Minister said.

At the event organised by the Assam government, Mr. Shah said that it was time to begin a new history, adding that the lies told over the years would soon be forgotten.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah speaking at a function in New Delhi on Thursday. PTI

'Write it afresh'

"I often hear that our history has been distorted, that it has been twisted and written inaccurately. Maybe it's true. But who has stopped us now from presenting a glorious history to the world? We will have to work hard, make amends," he said.

He urged scholars and students to study 300 personalities who sacrificed their lives for India's Independence and "write history afresh" so that the lies of the past are forgotten.

Mr. Shah said that Muslim invaders had tried to attack the Ahom dynasty many times, but noted that the Battle of Saraighat, in which Aurangzeb was defeated by Borphukan, was the decisive one.

"This is why this region has the richest cultural heritage. After being defeated by a relatively smaller Army of the Ahom rulers in Assam in 1671, the foreign invaders from Delhi could never gather the courage to invade Assam again," the Home Minister said.

L&T bags Executive Enclave project

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has awarded the contract for the construction of the Executive Enclave, which will house the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), among other important installations under the Central Vista project, to Larsen and Toubro Ltd.

According to the CPWD, the firm bagged the contract at 10.44% below the estimated cost which was put to tender, amounting to ₹1,189 crore.

The firm will have to complete work within 24 months from the date of the award of the tender, which was done on November 15.

Initially estimated to cost ₹1,381 crore, the proposed enclave will be constructed towards the south of the South Block.

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INBRIEF

Centre pledges to promote millets internationally in 2023

In one of the pre-launch celebration programmes of the International Year of Millets, 2023 in New Delhi on Thursday, the Agriculture Ministry reached out to representatives of various countries in India to promote millets internationally. Both External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar (in photo) addressed the event and urged for global focus on millets for its nutritional and health benefits. Mr. Tomar said the International Year of Millets, 2023 would provide an opportunity to globally promote millets as nutritious cereals, and added that his Ministry was working in a mission mode to increase its production and consumption.

Campaign against gender discrimination from today

The Union Rural Development Ministry will on Friday begin a month-long nationwide, community-led campaign against "gender-based discrimination". The campaign will target rural women and be undertaken through the self-help groups registered with the government. "Over the years, violence against women has been normalised, especially within the home. The campaign is aimed at changing this perspective. Our aim will be to raise awareness so that the victims first take cognisance of the crime committed against them, speak up and seek help," Rural Development Secretary Nagendra Nath Sinha said at a press conference here.

Nirav seeks nod to appeal against his extradition order

Fugitive diamond merchant Nirav Modi has filed an application in the High Court in London, seeking permission to appeal against his extradition order in the Supreme Court. The 51-year-old diamantaire lost an appeal on mental health grounds earlier this month, when a two-judge High Court Bench ruled that his risk of suicide was not such that it would be either unjust or oppressive to extradite him to India to face charges of fraud and money laundering in the estimated $2-billion Punjab National Bank (PNB) loan scam case. Nirav remains behind bars at Wandsworth Prison in London. PTI

Mamata to take part in PM's meet on G-20 summit

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will attend a meeting in New Delhi on December 5 called by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the preparations for the next G-20 Summit. India will formally begin its G-20 presidency on December 1 and host the next summit in the national capital in September 2023. Ms. Banerjee told presspersons outside the State Assembly on Thursday that she would be participating as the chairperson of the Trinamool Congress. According to reports, four events will be held in West Bengal under India's G-20 presidency. After her Delhi visit, Ms. Banerjee is likely to visit Meghalaya on December 13.

Millets in the mainstream: how Odisha's Kutia Kondh tribe rediscovered a palate for the 'poor man's food'

SPECIAL

Satyasundar Barik
TUMUDIBANDH

Rajamudu Majhi may not be articulate enough to recount the millet's journey from its glorious past to the brink of disappearance. But asked in what way the millet is valued in his Kutia Kondh tribe's life and dietary systems, the 60-year-old resident of Dupi village near the scenic Belghar Valley will passionately describe the strong bonding that the tribespeople enjoy with the crop.

Perhaps that close bonding, along with a movement centred on a traditional tribal festival, is the reason that his village and the Tumudibandh block it is located in are now recording the cultivation of 12 types of millets, a huge spurt from the five types found in 2011.

At a time when the revival of nutritious millets in Odisha is drawing wide attention, with the Centre and the State government ready to adopt its promotion model, the Kutia Kondhs in this little-known pocket of Kandhamal district deserve accolades for their contribution to the crop's survival and subsequent mainstreaming.

In the past, millets used to be the staple food of tribes in Odisha. When paddy and other foods reached their doorstep through the public distribution system and the expanding consumer market, they started treating millets as a subsistence crop which they grew to use themselves, rather than to sell. Some millets started to disappear from the tribal food basket.

Unique tradition: The Kandhamal tribes worship and exchange seeds in a celebration during the festival. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"While doing a study on millet for research in 2011, we came across a precarious situation in Dupi village. Disappearance of millets from the crop field was pronounced. The tribes had no idea how they had already lost a few varieties of their favourite crop," said Prasant Mohanty, executive director of NIRMAN, an NGO.

"The first experiment we did by asking them to recollect the number of millets grown in their village and periphery," Mr. Mohanty recalled. "Villagers came up with information on different varieties of millets they had seen and sown in their lifetime. This was how a basic database was prepared before the tribes set out to fight their own battle."

The reasons for millets losing their significance were many. Tribal people, especially the youth, felt that they were looked down upon for consuming millets, which is perceived as the poor man's food. Moreover, it was not easy to harvest the crop.

Volunteers identified the Burlang Yatra, a traditional annual festival of the Kutia Kondh tribe, as the occasion around which they could strategise the revival of millets. During the festival, women of the community worship and exchange seeds through a celebratory mode of songs and dances.

NIRMAN, in collaboration with the Millet Network of India (MINI), a forum founded for promotion of millet, started celebrating the Burlang Yatra on a large scale in order to increase awareness of millets and get rid of the inferiority complex prevailing among the youth.

"The exchange of millet seeds was taken up more vigorously. We started collecting millet seeds from our relatives in Kandhamal and outside. In a few years, millets staged a comeback to our crop field," said Mundi Maskadu Majhi, a resident of nearby Bulubaru village. Villagers participated in the festival with finger millet, red little millet, black millet, sorghum (great millet), pearl millet and foxtail millet grown in their fields. Through this little-known movement, the tribal people also managed to revive companion crops such as pulses, oilseeds and tubers.

Jama Masjid revokes order restricting women's entry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Facing a backlash over restricting the entry of unaccompanied women and girls inside the Jama Masjid premises here, its administration on Thursday withdrew the order and clarified that the plan was solely aimed at preventing "obscene activities" inside the sacred place.

Syed Ahmed Bukhari, the Shahi Imam of Jama Masjid, told *The Hindu* that the mosque authorities had, over the past few days, noticed several incidents of women and girls indulging in "obscene activities with men" inside the mosque, following which the masjid's committee decided to put up a notice outside the entry gates stating that "women who aren't accompanied by their family members or are alone are not allowed inside the mosque".

The masjid clarified that women who came along with their family members could enter the mosque, but unaccompanied women often met men inside and tended to "act improperly" and "wait for their dates".

Following the notice, Raj Niwas sources said Delhi Lieutenant-General V.K. Saxena requested Mr. Bukhari to rescind the order.

Aviation Ministry notifies draft Aircraft Security Rules, 2022

The draft Rules, once finalised, will empower BCAS to impose penalties upto ₹1 crore on airports and airlines for violation of security measures

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The Civil Aviation Ministry has notified the draft Aircraft Security Rules, 2022, which enable the aviation security regulator, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), to impose penalties up to ₹1 crore on airports and airlines for violation of security measures.

Once the draft Rules are finalised, the BCAS can impose a fine of ₹50 lakh to ₹1 crore on airports and airlines if they fail to prepare and implement a security programme, or if they commence operations without seeking a security clearance.

Large airports can also face a penalty of ₹1 crore if they fail to plan the design and layout of the airport in accordance with the National Civil Aviation Security Programme. Individuals will also face penalties ranging from ₹1 lakh to ₹25 lakh depending on the nature of the offence.

According to the proposed rules, the BCAS will also be able to suspend or cancel an entity's airport security clearance and security programme.

Stringent provisions: The rules will supersede the Aircraft Security Rules, 2011. FILE PHOTO

"Once the Aircraft Security Rules, 2022 are finalised, they will go a long way in ensuring an effective aviation security apparatus in the country. These are also as per ICAO norms," said Zulfiquar Hasan, Director-General, BCAS. The rules will supersede Aircraft Security Rules, 2011 and were necessary after Parliament passed the Aircraft Amendment Act, 2020, giving statutory powers to the BCAS, along with the Director-General of Civil Aviation and Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau. These allow them to impose penalties which could only be imposed by courts earlier. The Act also raised the maximum penalty from ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore.

The amendment in Parliament was required after the United Nation's aviation watchdog, International Civil Aviation Organisation, raised questions about the three regulators functioning without statutory powers.

The Ministry has invited stakeholder comments for a period of 30 days. The draft rules were notified on November 10.

Knives, saw, blades recovered from Aftab's house: police

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Police suspect Aftab may have dumped some body parts in forests in Mumbai during his visit

The Delhi police on Thursday said they have so far recovered 10 to 12 knives and other weapons, including a saw and blades, from the house of Aftab Poonawalla, accused in the murder of his live-in partner Shraddha Walkar, and the nearby Mehrauli forest at Chattarpur in south Delhi, sources said.

A senior police officer said, "After extensive searches, we have recovered around 12 weapons from Aftab's house and the forest. We have, however, not recovered the mini-saw which Aftab used to chop Shraddha's body."

The officer added that Mr. Aftab purportedly told investigators that he used multiple weapons to dismember Shraddha's body.

"We have recovered all kinds of objects that can possibly be used as a weapon by him including cleaver knifes, kitchen knives, hammers, blades among other items ... we will further send them to the Forensic Science Laboratory," the source said.

Another investigator disclosed: "Aftab has said he used two mini-saws to chop Shraddha's body, apart from other cleaver knives and sharp objects. He claimed that he bought all the weapons from a shop near the area."

Sources said a team of the Delhi police had been sent to Mumbai to recover any bones or remains of Shraddha that Mr. Aftab might have dumped there.

An officer said: "He [Aftab] came to Mumbai twice, once for questioning by the Mumbai police regarding Shraddha being missing and then later to help his parents in shifting from Vasai to Mira Road. He might have then brought her body parts with him and dumped her in forests in Mumbai."

Meanwhile, Mr. Aftab on Thursday went through another round of polygraph test, Special Commissioner of Police (Law and Order, Zone 2) Sagar Preet Hooda said. The police said that once the test was finished, he would be subjected to the narco-analysis test. Sources said that during the polygraph test, Aftab was asked questions related to his relationship with Shraddha, his family and childhood.

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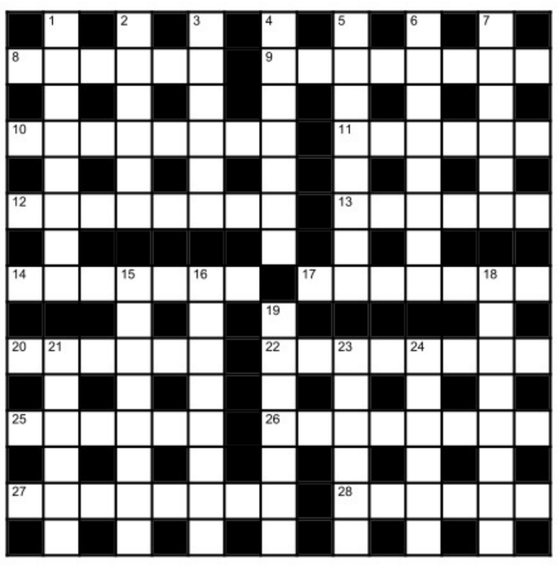

Across

8 Hold a clumsy little kid's drum (6)
9 A Frenchman pursuing alliance starts to improve condition of body's structure (8)
10 Avoided key bit lacking capacitance (8)
11 Anticipating and jumping out of parachutes initially (6)
12 Princess bursts out in troubles (8)
13 Chuck out buns, eating sandwiches (6)
14 Opposed to a good man taking advantage (7)
17 Creatures wandering this place with us (7)
20 Gulf national in squad regularly backing international spy (6)
22 Partly explain for media expert (8)
25 In one university, mind's controlled (6)
26 Persistent entry in a procrastinator's schedule? (3,5)
27 Lasting kiss inside and outside (8)
28 Go past electronic circuits in broadcast (6)

Down

1 Social distancing? (8)
2 Heading out, brazen husband and American model dated (3-3)
3 Pin frock's bottom hemmed by tailor (6)
4 Rest had become impossible (7)
5 Spooner kept small animal in crazy place (8)
6 Poet's approach, say a conundrum (8)
7 Frequently Azhar tours local Indian's first plant (6)
15 New game is featuring hot pictures (8)
16 Cargo of fashionable people blocking road (8)
18 Crack Spooner, perhaps behind in Church (8)
19 Say, Madras *bashai* is picked up in gestures (7)
21 Sack holding up hair dye essentially for extension (6)
23 Chain female dog without lead (6)
24 Like port and juice basically above wines (6)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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1	5	2	9	8	4	7	3	6
4	7	3	6	2	5	1	9	8

FAITH

Religious functions

In our day-to-day life, we perform various functions based on our religion and practice. Right from when a child is being born, we undertake the naming ceremony, birth anniversary, marriage and so on. Certain other functions like new house warming are also done. All these are done with the help of priests and learned vedic pandits. Proper chanting of the prescribed mantras is sure to yield good benefits. Punyaha vachanam, called as purification process, is performed as a prelude in all the functions to purify the persons doing, the place of performance and the materials that are being used. In its last stanza, it is yearned, 'Let Lord Indra, the chief of celestials, with his wife Suneethi; Soma, in-charge of herbal medicines, with Swasthi; Varuna, the rain god, with Sameechi; Yama, the king of righteousness, with Pramrunabhi; Jatavedas with his wife Urjayanthi, come and shower their blessings. From this it is learnt that wherever possible, we should go as couple to extend our wishes.

For the new house warming ceremony, the celestial incharge is Vasthu devatha. A reference can be seen in Krishnayajurveda canto 3, chapter 4, para 10 for the mantras. It contains three stanzas. Through the first, a prayer is made to Vasthu Purusha to drive away all the evils. With the second it is requested to shower more wealth and prosperity. The third one is very important. Through this a fervent appeal is made that more and more learned and noble men should visit this house and enrich the family with knowledge. Navalpakkam Dr. Kannan Thathachariar said it is better to perform all the functions knowing well their meaning and importance as far as possible.

MOSCOW

Russian Duma gives LGBTQ 'propaganda' Bill final approval

Russian lawmakers on Thursday gave their final approval to a Bill that significantly expands restrictions on activities seen as promoting gay rights. The new Bill outlaws all advertising, media and online resources books, films and theatre productions deemed to contain "propaganda of non-traditional sexual relations". AP

GENEVA

UN rights chief urges Iran to halt violence on protesters

The UN rights chief urged Iran on Thursday to immediately halt violence against protesters, as countries debated whether to launch an investigation into Tehran's deadly crackdown. "The unnecessary and disproportionate use of force must come to an end," Volker Turk, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, said. AP

KABUL

Afghan women protest on eve of UN day; Taliban keep a close eye

More than a dozen Afghan women protested briefly in Kabul on Thursday, calling for their rights to be recognised on the eve of the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Taliban fighters kept a close eye on proceedings, while cars carrying intelligence service officials circled the neighbourhood. AFP

SEOUL

Kim's sister makes insulting threats to Seoul over sanctions

Kim Yo Jong, the powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, attacked South Korea with a string of insults on Thursday for considering new unilateral sanctions against the North, calling its president and his government "idiots" and "a running wild dog gnawing on a bone given by the U.S." AP

China expands lockdown as cases hit a record high

National Health Commission on Thursday reported 31,444 cases, the highest daily number since the pandemic began, surpassing the previous peak in April; most cases are mild or asymptomatic

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China on Thursday reported a record number of COVID-19 cases – the highest in the country since the pandemic began – with spreading outbreaks in cities ranging from the capital Beijing in the north to the southern manufacturing hub of Guangzhou in the south testing the government's "zero-COVID" strategy.

The National Health Commission on Thursday reported 31,444 cases, the highest daily number since the pandemic began, surpassing the previous peak in April when Shanghai was in the midst of a harsh two month-long lockdown.

The latest wave has seen concurrent outbreaks across the country, with major rises in the number of cases in Guangzhou, Chongqing in the southwest, Zhengzhou in central Henan province, and Beijing in the north. Both Chongqing and Zhengzhou are key manufacturing centres for electronics, with the latter home to the world's biggest iPhone assembly plant, operated by Taiwanese firm Foxconn, which has seen recent unrest amid clashes between workers and police. Zhengzhou has announced a lockdown of the city starting Friday.

Tight measures: An epidemic control worker guarding a barrier fence in an area under lockdown in Beijing. GETTY IMAGES

The Chinese capital wore a deserted look on Thursday, with empty streets in the central business district on account of the closure of most offices, schools, public parks, and shopping malls.

The new outbreaks have tested the Chinese government's current "zero-COVID" approach, with the leadership earlier this month announcing 20 new easing measures calling for a more "targeted" approach and to avoid sweeping lockdowns. The measures were aimed at minimising the economic and social disruptions from the "zero-COVID" policy.

The new outbreaks have, however, precisely led to more mass disruptions as cities have once again turned to locking down areas with cases. While China's lockdowns worked effectively in the first year of the pandemic and helped the country avoid a major second wave unlike the rest of the world, the continuing approach has exacted a heavy toll on the public and the economy.

And unlike in 2020 when most Chinese tolerated the lockdowns which avoided mass deaths, anger is now growing at the continued policy, particularly with the rest of the world returning to normalcy and most cases in China described by authorities as either mild or asymptomatic. In recent days, both Guangzhou and Zhengzhou, among other areas, have seen clashes between security personnel and residents and factory workers who have protested the measures.

Beijing hasn't announced a city-wide lockdown in keeping with the new "targeted" measures, although most central areas of the city were effectively partially closed. The city on Thursday reported more than 1,000 "high risk" zones, referring to buildings where there were positive cases and which have subsequently been locked down.

Authorities have ruled out phasing out the "zero-COVID" approach, fearing mass deaths and a collapse of the healthcare system with a large number of the elderly population yet to take a booster dose.

Pakistani PM names ex-spy master Asim Munir to be new Army chief

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD

Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has named the country's former spy chief as head of the military, the Information Minister said on Thursday, ending months of speculation about the new appointment.

Lt. Gen. Syed Asim Munir

Huge influence

The Army has historically wielded huge political influence in Pakistan, ruling it for half of its 75-year history, and also oversees the country's nuclear programme. Like neighbouring China and India, Pakistan has nuclear arsenals and a missile system, which is mainly aimed at India.

Lt. Gen. Syed Asim Munir replaces Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa, who completes his six-year extended term on November 29. Gen. Munir begins his new role amid bitter feuding between Mr. Sharif and former Premier Imran Khan. Mr. Khan has publicly accused Gen. Bajwa of playing a role in his ouster, a charge the outgoing Army chief has denied.

Imran's demands

Mr. Khan wants snap elections and for Mr. Sharif to step down. Mr. Sharif, who replaced Mr. Khan through a no-confidence vote in Parliament in April, has rejected the demand, saying the next polls will be held as scheduled in 2023.

There was no immediate comment from Mr. Khan about Gen. Munir, who was director general of the Inter-Services Intelligence when Mr. Khan was in office. Mr. Khan fired Gen. Munir without explanation. On Thursday, Defence Minister Khawaja Mohammad Asif told reporters that Gen. Munir's nomination as the Army chief was "based on merit, law and according to the constitution." He said he hoped that President Arif Alvi would not make the key appointments "controversial" and would endorse Mr. Sharif's decision without any delay.

Information Minister Maryam Aurangzeb said PM Sharif had named Lt. Gen. Sahir Shamshad Mirza as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee to replace Gen. Nadeem Raza, who retires this week.

Ukraine battles to restore power after Russian barrage; energy grid near collapse

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukraine struggled on Thursday to repair its battered power and water services after Russia targeted the electricity grid with dozens of cruise missiles and temperatures plunged. The attacks also left multiple people dead in Ukraine. The Ukrainian energy system is on the brink of collapse and millions have been subjected to emergency blackouts for weeks due to systematic Russian bombardments of the grid.

Dire consequences

The World Health Organization (WHO) has warned of "life-threatening" consequences and estimated that millions could leave their homes as a result. Mayor Vitali Klitschko said more than two-thirds of the capital was still cut off on Thursday despite municipal workers in Kyiv restoring some water service overnight. öUkraine's military accused Russian forces of firing around 70 cruise missiles at targets across the country on Wednesday and of deploying attack drones.

Moscow's targeting of Ukrainian power facilities is their latest strategy hoping to force capitulation after nine months of war that has seen Russian forces fail in most of their stated territorial objectives.

Deuba-led coalition on its way to winning polls in Nepal

Press Trust of India
KATHMANDU

Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba's Nepali Congress-led ruling coalition was on Thursday inching towards winning Nepal's parliamentary elections as the five-party alliance has bagged 58 seats out of the 101 declared so far.

In the 275-member House of Representatives, 165 will be elected through direct voting, while the remaining 110 will be elected through a proportional electoral system. Till now, the Nepali Congress (NC) has won 36 seats and is leading in 16 others.

Hopeful of coalition

The CPN-Maoist Centre has bagged 9 seats, CPN-Unified Socialist 9 and Rastriya Janamorcha and Lokatantrik Samajwadi Party two each. They all are part of the ruling coalition.

The Maoist Centre and CPN-Unified Socialist have been leading in 7 and 1 seats respectively.

If the trend continue, the NC-led alliance will be in a position to form a coalition government.

Elections to the House of Representatives (HoR) and seven provincial Assemblies were held on Sunday. The counting of votes started on Monday.

'No oil, gas to those supporting price cap'

Reuters
MOSCOW

Russia does not plan to supply oil and gas to countries supporting a price cap on Russian oil, the Kremlin said on Thursday, but will make a final decision once it analyses all the figures.

The G-7 is looking at a cap on Russian seaborne oil at $65-$70 a barrel, though European Union governments have not yet agreed on a price and talks are set to continue.

"As of now, we stand by President (Vladimir) Putin's position that we will not supply oil and gas to the countries which would set (the cap) and join the cap," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told his daily call with reporters.

"But we need to analyse everything before we formulate our position."

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Anwar Ibrahim sworn in as Prime Minister of Malaysia; ends five-day political impasse after polls

Agence France-Presse
KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysia's perennial Opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim was sworn in as Prime Minister before the King in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday, ending a five-day political impasse after inconclusive polls.

The ceremony at the National Palace closed the chapter on one of the most dramatic elections in Malaysia's history, after no party managed to secure a majority to form a government for the first time since independence in 1957.

Mr. Anwar's ascension to the premiership caps a turbulent political life, which has not only propelled him into the corridors of power but also landed him inside a jail cell.

"I will not tolerate corruption and abuses ... None should be marginalised under my administration," Mr. Anwar told a news conference. He said his focus would be on the economy. He said his multi-ethnic Pakatan Harapan coalition had been able to secure a majority after gaining seats from old foes in the former ruling bloc Barisan Nasional and another party in Sarawak state on Borneo island.

Celebration time: Anwar Ibrahim waving to his supporters after his news conference in Sungai Long, in Malaysia on Thursday. REUTERS

Mr. Anwar's coalition campaigned on an anti-graft message and won the most seats in the election with 82. That was ahead of the 73 won by former prime minister Muhyiddin Yassin's Malay-centric Perikatan Nasional bloc but still well short of the 112 needed for a majority.

Seeking to boost the legitimacy of his appointment, Mr. Anwar said his coalition would propose a vote of confidence in Parliament on December 19.

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) - TWO COVER SYSTEM (SHORT TERM RE-TENDER)

The Karnataka Slum Development Board (KSDB) Bengaluru invites item rate tenders for the work of **Construction of Houses including Infrastructure works of the Slum Dwellers of Various Slums in Ranibennur, Udupi & Shikaripura Shiralakoppa Town/Cities under PMAY(U)-HFA Scheme** with convergence of state housing schemes, from the eligible class-1 registered KPWD/CPWD contractors.

Calendar of Events

Time and Date of Pre Bid Conference	**29.11.2022 at 11:00 AM**
Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders in Portal	**07.12.2022 at 05:30 PM**
Time and Date of Opening of Tender Documents (Qualification Information)	**09.12.2022 at 11:00 AM**
Time and Date of Opening of Financial Bid	Time and Date will be Intimated for the eligible bidders
Place of Receiving and Opening of Tender Documents	Office of the Technical Director Karnataka Slum Development Board # 55, 1st Floor Abhaya Complex, Risaldar Street, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-20 Phone: +91 80 23564651, 23462436. Email id: ksdbtd2@gmail.com Website https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/ksdb

If there are any changes to the above notification, it will be published in e-procurement portal only. Tender Documents, schedule, specifications are available on the **website: https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Tender form fees & EMD details are available on the e-procurement portal. EMD and tender processing fees shall be paid using e-procurement payment modes only. Tender application must be accompanied by earnest money deposit specified for the works and shall have to be valid for **45 days** beyond the validity of tender date.

Sd/- Commissioner, Karnataka Slum Development Board, Bengaluru.

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INBRIEF

'Rooftop solar installations fall 29% to 320 MW in July-Sept.'

Rooftop solar capacity installations in India fell 29% to 320 megawatt (MW) in July-September 2022, according to Mercom Research India. The country added 448 MW rooftop solar capacity in the same quarter a year earlier, the research firm said in a report on Thursday. During January-September, the installations at 1,165 MW were also down 11% compared with 1,310 MW in the corresponding nine-month period of the last year, Mercom Research India added. PTI

Centre empowers CCI to take up anti-profiteering matters

The government on Wednesday notified changes to empower the Competition Commission of India to take charge of matters relating to the anti-profiteering provisions of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, starting December 1. The CCI will now be entrusted with assessing whether firms have passed on benefits of GST rate reductions or input tax credits through commensurate price reductions for consumers.

India, GCC agree to pursue FTA; resume talks: Goyal

India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have agreed to pursue a free trade agreement (FTA) between the two regions and resume negotiations, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said. GCC is a union of six countries in the Gulf region – Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain. Bilateral trade in goods has increased to $154.73 billion in 2021-22 from $87.4 billion in 2020-21. GCC countries contribute almost 35% of India's oil imports and 70% of its gas imports. PTI

Exporters seek helping hand to ride out global slowdown

FIEO urges reintroduction of interest subsidies, tax breaks for overseas marketing in pre-Budget interaction with Finance Minister; group seeks bigger allocations for export promotion schemes

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With order books shrinking and credit costs rising, exporters on Thursday urged Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to reintroduce interest subsidies, grant tax breaks for overseas marketing spends, and expand allocations for the Commerce Ministry's export promotion schemes in the forthcoming Union Budget.

Observing that the rupee's decline against the U.S. dollar had not been as steep as other currencies, the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) president A. Sakthivel indicated that the Indian currency's relative strength was, however, hurting the competitiveness of exports, which all the more needed support.

"When global demand is declining, it becomes all the more necessary to go for aggressive marketing. However, most Indian companies are cutting marketing spends in view of contraction," Mr. Sakthivel said, adding this would hurt the prospects of 'getting whatever little demand there is' now and even when the global situation improved.

"There is an urgent need to restore the interest equalisation benefit of 5% to manufacturer MSMEs and 3% to all 410 tariff lines," Mr. Sakthivel said.

Call for support

Exporters seek Centre's intervention to help tide over demand slowdown, rising credit costs

- FIEO highlights fall in overseas marketing spends at a time when exporters' order books are shrinking
- Exporters' group calls for restoration of interest equalisation benefit of 5% to manufacturer MSMEs
- FIEO also urges reintroduction of interest equalisation of 3% to all 410 tariff lines

V. Anantha Nageswaran

CEA flags export growth concerns, urges focus on local demand

Reuters
MUMBAI

India's chief economic adviser said on Thursday the outlook for the growth of exports may be less positive because of a possible global economic slowdown.

"We need to be cautious of the export outlook for us in the coming years and concentrate on the internal drivers of demand," said V. Anantha Nageswaran at a banking industry event. India's growth after 2022-23 is likely to accelerate once global shocks start to wane, Mr. Nageswaran said in a presentation.

Economic growth may draw impetus from stronger investment cycle, financial system and structural reforms, he said.

However, risks to India's growth would persist if the price of crude oil spikes, and risk aversion returns to financial markets over the next few months.

Mr. Nageswaran also said there were good prospects for recovery in the capital expenditure cycle in the medium term.

'Recession unlikely in APAC region in 2023'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

A recession is unlikely in the APAC region in the coming year, although the area will face headwinds from higher interest rates and slower global trade growth, Moody's Analytics said on Thursday.

In its analysis titled 'APAC Outlook: A Coming Downshift,' Moody's Analytics said India is headed for slower growth next year more in line with its long-term potential.

On the upside, inward investment and productivity gains in technology as well as in agriculture could accelerate growth. But, if high inflation persists, the Reserve Bank of India would likely take its repo rate well above 6%, causing GDP growth to falter.

Slowing growth

In August, Moody's had projected India's growth to slow to 5% in 2023, from 8.5% in 2021.

"China is not the only weak link in the global economy. India, also suffered a year-to-year decline in the value exports in October," Moody's Analytics Chief APAC Economist Steve Cochrane said.

Data lag makes MPC job challenging: Patra

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Michael Patra on Thursday said formulating monetary policy was a challenging task in a volatile environment like the current one, given lagged data inputs, which were also frequently reviewed.

Mr. Patra said that next week, deliberations would start for the next policy review to be announced in the first week of December and would have to rely on inflation data for October and the growth data for July-September that is set for release on November 30.

"Monetary policy has to be forward-looking, and that is because when the policy rate is changed, it takes quite a while before it reaches lending rates and aggregate demand in the economy," Mr. Patra said in a speech at the annual SBI conclave.

"On the basis of one month-ago and three months-ago data, I will have to assess what is inflation and growth going to be one year down the line," he pointed out.

There was also the risk of frequent reviews of data released, Mr. Patra rued.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	62,273	1.24
US Dollar	81.70	0.28
Gold	53,039	0.45
Brent oil	84.87	0.30

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3921.10	17.80
Adani Ports	876.65	3.05
Apollo Hosp	4815.05	209.85
Asian Paints	3115.30	14.50
Axis Bank	878.55	3.85
Bajaj Auto	3620.15	12.30
Bajaj Finserv	1634.00	-2.20
Bajaj Finance	6771.35	-8.70
Bharti Airtel	848.35	5.10
BPCL	321.00	10.85
Britannia Ind	4191.20	36.05
Cipla	1095.35	-12.65
Coal India	228.50	-2.10
Divis Lab	3305.40	5.45
Dr Reddys Lab	4413.85	8.20
Eicher Motors	3377.35	-3.55
Grasim Ind	1723.45	20.90
HCL Tech	1129.60	26.20
HDFC	2689.05	51.60
HDFC Bank	1625.15	26.00
HDFC Life	572.55	24.90
Hero MotoCorp	2673.10	14.25
Hindalco	438.35	5.00
Hind Unilever	2549.15	41.80
ICICI Bank	938.85	11.40
IndusInd Bank	1175.55	1.20
Infosys	1629.80	46.65
ITC	340.75	0.95
JSW Steel	725.95	5.40
Kotak Bank	1944.85	-8.50
L&T	2052.20	27.20
M&M	1254.05	18.35
Maruti Suzuki	8967.10	32.60
NestleIndia	19735.45	170.35
NTPC	169.50	1.45
ONGC	139.45	2.95
PowerGrid Corp	220.75	5.60
Reliance Ind	2579.10	22.05
SBI Life	1240.65	14.35
State Bank	609.35	1.70
Sun Pharma	1035.10	17.45
TataConsumerProduct	792.75	22.60
Tata Motors	423.40	-0.65
Tata Steel	105.50	0.05
TCS	3380.15	71.85
Tech Mahindra	1069.30	25.25
Titan	2610.20	8.45
UltraTech Cement	6860.20	36.15
UPL	774.15	5.65
Wipro	398.25	9.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 24

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.43	81.75
Euro	84.64	84.98
British Pound	98.48	98.88
Japanese Yen (100)	58.88	59.11
Chinese Yuan	11.40	11.45
Swiss Franc	86.28	86.62
Singapore Dollar	59.21	59.48
Canadian Dollar	61.00	61.24
Malaysian Ringitt	18.11	18.21
Australian Dollar	54.85	55.07

Source:Indian Bank

'Local firms eye boost to safety gear output'

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Domestic occupational safety gear makers are seen raising capacity and entering segments that are fully import dependent to reduce imports as well as counter China's dominance in this business by enhancing exports, an industry official said.

The Safety Appliance Manufacturers Association (SAMA) and Indian Technical Textile Association (ITTA) are encouraging almost five dozen domestic firms to make India self-reliant in the gear and grab a larger pie of the $70 billion international market.

"Earlier everything relating to occupational safety was imported," said Mahesh Kudev, director at SAMA & ITTA. "Today, we are getting better prices than China in the international markets, where China's share is over 60%."

According to industry players, manufacturers in India collectively produce about $1 billion worth of safety gear and about half of this is exported.

'Engineering exports slide on slowdown'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Exports to 19 key markets decline; removal of 15% export duty on steel is likely to aid sector

A slowdown in economic activity triggered by multiple factors, from the war in Ukraine to crumbling demand globally, saw India's engineering exports decline in as many as 19 out of 25 key markets in October.

Overall engineering exports fell 21.3% last month to $7.4 billion compared with $9.4 billion in October, 2021. It is the fourth consecutive month that exports have declined, engineering exporters body EEPC India said on Thursday.

Engineering exports to China slumped 64% to $227.8 million ($633.8 million), the greatest dip among 25 destinations that contribute to about 75% of total engineering exports.

Shipments to the European Union were 23% less at $1.26 billion ($1.64 billion), while exports to North America fell 10.7% to $1.66 billion ($1.85 billion).

While recent trends point to challenging times ahead, the Centre's decision to remove 15% duty on steel products would help as the levy had impacted shipments of steel and its products, said Chairman Arun Kumar Garodia.

Indian gamers looking at gaming as a career, shows HP India study

Yuthika Bhargava
NEW DELHI

About two-thirds of serious gamers, who spend more than eight hours in a week on gaming and take part in online gaming competitions, are looking at exploring gaming as a career option, including becoming a gaming influencer or a gaming software developer, according to a study.

The study – 'HP India Gaming Landscape Study 2022' – covered more than 2000 respondents across 14 Indian cities.

Gamers saw good earnings prospects in gaming along with multiple career choices, leading to Indian gamers showing strong interest in a gaming career, as per the study undertaken by HP India.

"Another key reason driving gamers towards gaming is the possibility of their hobby becoming a career," HP India said.

"Gaming is also considered as a source of entertainment and relaxation (92%), improving mental agility (58%) and socialising (52%)."

The growth of the gaming industry in India is also helping Indian gamers to try their hand at various career options.

While becoming a gamer was most preferred (53%), options such as becoming an influencer (20%), gaming software developer (18%), streamer (8%) and animator (2%) also interested them, it said.

"Women gamers are on the rise in India. They are eyeing a career in gaming, turning their hobby into a profession (50%) and providing good earnings prospects (45%)," it added.

"As the gaming industry in India evolves, it is promising to see gaming being considered as a career option," said Vickram Bedi, Senior Director, Personal Systems, HP India.

"The PC gaming landscape in India offers a tremendous opportunity for the youth," he added.

State Bank to mull raising $1.2 billion via infra bonds

Reuters
BENGALURU

State Bank of India, the country's largest lender, said on Thursday it would consider raising funds by issuing up to ₹10,000 crore ($1.2 billion) of infrastructure bonds.

The executive committee of the central board of the bank will meet on November 29 to consider the fundraising, which will also include a greenshoe option of ₹5,000 crore, the bank said in a stock exchange filing.

The fundraising, if approved, would be through a public issue or private placement during fiscal 2023, the bank added.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/AEE(C)/2022-23/8055-56 Date: 24.11.2022
Brief Tender Notification (e-Procurement mode only)
KPTCL invites tenders for the various **Civil works in Hoody and Somanahalli division,** through e-Procurement mode only.
The details regarding participating in the tender can be obtained by website **https://eproc.karntaka.gov.in** on hyperlink "e-Procurement" on or after: **25.11.2022**
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,Tr(M), BMAZ, South Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09, Phone: 080-22386686/85.

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Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION RAICHUR
Telephone No. : 08532-225778 & 234747
E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION -(KW- 1, 2, 3 & 4)
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SD/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD Division, RAICHUR.
DIP/Raichur/428/MC&A/2022-23

Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, PRAMC,
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No.EIC/40/PRAMC/RS/2022-23/856 Date: 24-11-2022
Short Term Tender Notification
The Executive Engineer, PRAMC, KPWD on behalf of Governor of Karnataka, invites Short Term Tender for One Road Safety work in Chitradurga District. Further details can be obtained from Karnataka e-procurement portal **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from **24-11-2022, 05:30 PM** onwards.
DIPR/CP/3238/Sreshta/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, PRAMC**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 13124 Dated: 21.11.2022
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement portal only)
Tenders are invited from reputed companies/ agencies through e-tendering portal for the work of **Reconditioning of released CVP Rotor (impeller and shaft) assembly including supply of spares, consumables, servicing and fitment at site**. Amount put to tender: **Rs.22,10,820/-.** EMD: **Rs.50,000/-.** Interested bidders may submit the bids through e-tendering website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** only. Last date for submission of completed bids: (Two Parts): **07.12.2022, 16.00 Hrs**. Opening of Technical Bid (Part 1): **08.12.2022, 16.30 Hrs.** Opening of Financial Bids (Part 2): **09.12.2022, 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (TM-2),** KPCL, RTPS, Shakthinagar-584170, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 94495 96540. Tel: 08532-246125.

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SENDING A MESSAGE

Belgium minister wears 'One-Love' armband at World Cup match

Belgium's Foreign Minister Hadja Lahbib wore a 'One-Love' armband when she met with FIFA president Gianni Infantino at her country's World Cup match against Canada on Wednesday. FIFA has prevented captains of seven European teams, including Belgium, from wearing the armband in Qatar.

REMEDIAL MEASURES

Saudi's Al-Shahrani undergoes surgery after collision

Saudi Arabia defender Yasser Al-Shahrani underwent successful surgery in Riyadh on his pancreas after a collision with goalkeeper Mohammed Al-Owais during his team's win over Argentina on Tuesday. Al-Shahrani hurt his head, chest and abdomen, but was stable and "transferred to the National Guard Hospital in Riyadh."

BAD NEWS

Denmark midfielder Delaney out of tournament with knee injury

Denmark midfielder Thomas Delaney is out of the World Cup after picking up a knee injury during his team's opening goalless draw with Tunisia. "We'll miss him, both on and off the pitch," said coach Kasper Hjulmand in a statement. Delaney will miss Denmark's remaining Group D fixtures against France and Australia.

INDOMITABLE LION

Roger Milla honoured ahead of Cameroon-Switzerland match

Cameroon legend Roger Milla received a special FIFA award ahead of the match against Switzerland on Thursday. Milla propelled Cameroon to the Italia 1990 quarterfinals, winning hearts with his hip-wiggling celebration, returned at the age of 42 to score against Russia in the USA, making him the oldest ever to score in a Finals.

Portugal squeezes past a feisty Ghana as Ronaldo enters the record books

The Iberian skipper becomes the first man to score at five editions of the quadrennial event; Felix and Leao also get on the scoresheet while Ayew, Bukari give the loser something to cheer about

FIFA WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
DOHA

Cristiano Ronaldo became the first man to score at five World Cups on Thursday when he scored the opening goal from the penalty spot in 65th minute of Portugal's 3-2 win over Ghana at the 974 Stadium here.

The victory moved Fernando Santos's team top of Group H, two points ahead of Uruguay and South Korea.

Joao Felix and rising star Rafael Leao made sure of the win after Andre Ayew's leveller had briefly threatened to ruin Ronaldo's party.

Osman Bukari netted in the final minute for Ghana but the tournament's lowest-ranked side couldn't pull off a shock and sits bottom of the group.

Ronaldo overtakes Brazilian Pele and Germans Uwe Seeler and Miroslav Klose, who all scored in four World Cups, after being brought down by Mohammed Salisu and taking the penalty himself.

Ronaldo had a perfect chance in the 10th minute. Mohammed Kudus gave the ball away sloppily in midfield and Otavio slipped Ronaldo through, only for the Portugal skipper to miscontrol the pass.

Immediate impact: Leao beats the Ghanaian 'keeper for Portugal's third shortly after coming on as substitute. REUTERS

Shortly afterwards Ronaldo headed Raphael Guerreiro's deep cross wide from close range. He did have the ball in the net just after the half-hour mark when it dropped to him in the area, but he was harshly judged by referee Ismail Elfath to have pushed Alexander Djiku before turning and stroking home a classy finish.

Ajax midfielder Kudus had the crowd briefly off its feet 10 minutes after the break when he burst forward against an exposed Portugal defence and let off a powerful shot which in the end sailed comfortably wide of Diogo Costa's left-hand post.

Ronaldo then crashed in his record-breaking penalty but as the chorus of cheers and chants of his name started to die down a previously dull game sparked into life, Ayew stunning the crowd by tapping in Kudus' pull-back in the 73rd minute.

However, Felix and Leao made sure Portugal would take the points with two lovely finishes in as many minutes, both strikes set up by Ronaldo's former United teammate Bruno Fernandes.

Bukari then imitated Ronaldo with his goal celebration after heading home completely unmarked, but Portugal held out for a big win on a historic day.

The result: Portugal 3 (Ronaldo 65-pen, Felix 78, Leao 80) bt Ghana 2 (A. Ayew 73, Bukari 89).

Uruguay fails to best an energetic South Korea in an attacking contest

Reuters
DOHA

Uruguay faltered in its World Cup opener against a lively and energetic South Korea after it was held to a 0-0 draw on Thursday in a contest where both teams struggled to find the clinical edge despite plenty of attacking quality on show.

Clear-cut chances were rare for either side in the Group H clash at the Education City Stadium and although Uruguay created more opportunities, neither team managed a shot on target.

Uruguay captain Diego Godin was denied by the woodwork while South Korea forward Hwang Ui-jo blasted over the bar with the goal at his mercy, leaving both teams to rue missed chances.

Duking it out: South Korea's Woo-young and Uruguay's Valverde clash in the midfield. AFP

Uruguay's first sight of goal came in the 19th minute through Federico Valverde, who connected with Jose Maria Gimenez's pass and took a touch before firing a half-volley towards goal, but his ambitious attempt went just over the bar.

The South Americans had begun to find their footing when South Korea disrupted their rhythm and launched a counter-attack.

Son Heung-min picked up the ball on the left flank and cut inside, skipping past two Uruguay defenders before curling a right-footed effort towards goal, but left back Mathias Olivera was able to clear it away.

South Korea should have taken the lead in the 34th minute when Moon-hwan Kim fizzed the ball into the penalty area and into the path of Hwang in front of goal, but the forward sent it over the bar.

Gimenez made a crucial tackle to deny Son five minutes after the restart.

Uruguay manager Diego Alonso swapped one stalwart for another when he replaced Luis Suarez with Edinson Cavani after 64 minutes and the striker almost connecting with Nunez's fizzing shot which flew wide.

Valverde unleashed a thunderbolt in the final minute of regulation time that struck the top of the post and Son had one final chance in the closing stages.

Languid and listless Belgium manages to pip spirited Canada

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

Wine ages well, McDonald's burgers don't age (trust Icelandic anthropologist Hjortur Smarason about this), but does a waffle age well or stay as fresh? It perhaps does if made only by McDonald's with its nature-defying decades-fresh eats.

But Belgium, the birthplace of waffles (don't let the French take this away), has neither aged well nor has it come to this World Cup fresh.

Out of breath

It was languid, listless and a little out of breath in its opening World Cup game, letting a younger and faster Canada run most of the course of the game.

This Belgium starting XI had seven players aged 30 or above and six of them were there in the 1-0 semi-finals defeat to France in 2018, and though the 1-0 result in favour of Belgium was as expected, it was the emerging 'Golden Generation' of Canada with Alphonso Davies (22), Jonathan David (22) and Tajon Buchanan (23) that impressed.

Marksman: Batshuayi is delighted after scoring the match-winner for Belgium. GETTY IMAGES

"Today was such a difficult game, Canada was better than us. They were very clear in what they wanted to do, they had a lot of pace, a lot of directness, and we had to show another side of our play," Belgium coach Roberto Martinez was quick to accept.

"I'm delighted because we won the game through grit, experience, and the quality of our goalkeeper, who kept us in the game. The victory today was more important than a victory when you play well."

Disappointments

This was a game of dreadful disappointments as injuries have made Eden Hazard, now a non-regular at Real Madrid, a pantomime of his glorious past (an ageing rock 'n' roll star crooning in a Las Vegas bar), while the defensive combination of Jan Vertonghen and Toby Alderweireld are regularly reminded that it's not easy to keep up with the growing demands of the modern game.

While Romelu Lukaku (just shy of 30) continues his return to fitness from a thigh injury, it was left to Kevin De Bruyne – already a Premier League legend – to lend this attack some threat with his encyclopedic range of passes.

The other old man, Thibaut Courtois, too, excelled, and Michy Batshuayi (a year away from 30) did get the goal that helped Belgium equal Brazil's record of winning eight consecutive World Cup group-stage matches.

But can this class of stars without titles repair the dents and scratches of time and shed the tag of also-rans?

The result: Belgium 1 (Batshuayi 44) bt Canada 0.

Toothless Cameroon fails to get going against resolute Switzerland

The Europeans score off their first shot on target while the Indomitable Lions finish with a whimper rather than a roar

FIFA WORLD CUP

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

This Cameroon is no indomitable lions of 1990, and even the presence Maradona's nemesis Roger Milla in the stands couldn't melt this Swiss edifice at the Al Janoub Stadium. Roberto Song's team played with the toothless grin of a child or an octogenarian and there was no roaring thunder of the wisely ferocity of Mufasa or the youthful menace of Simba.

Subdued celebration: Switzerland's Embolo raises his arms after scoring against Cameroon, his country of origin. REUTERS

Dual passports

These journeymen of dual passports – carefully curated by Cameroon FA boss Samuel Eto'o – still had an early snarl of the wild but were soon enough tamed. The one man Eto'o couldn't convince, Breel Embolo, playing for Switzerland, hurt the land of his birth, scoring the only goal in this match. Switzerland scored with its first shot on target, immediately after restart, with skipper Granit Xhaka switching play from right to left to Xherdan Shaqiri. The Alpine Messi's cut back inside the box saw no urgency from the defence, and Embolo, who called himself the 'No. 1 of Cameroon' ahead of the tournament, booted in but there was no celebration to follow as a respect to his forefathers.

Eric Chopu-Moting went on a solo mission in the 56th minute, dancing past a few defenders but the final angle was way too narrow to cause Yaan Sommer any problems.

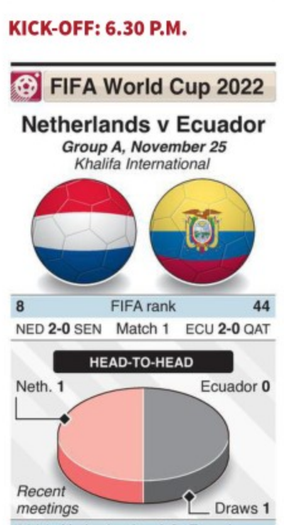
Ruben Vargas almost added Switzerland's second when he was left with space to uncork a fizzing right footer from inside the box, forcing goalkeeper Andre Onana into a slightly awkward save in the 68th minute.

The missed chances of the half before were haunted memories of a better past as the Cameroonians' roar, alas, trailed into a whimper.

The result: Switzerland 1 (Embolo 48) bt Cameroon 0.

TODAY'S FIESTA

KICK-OFF: 3.30 P.M.



KICK-OFF: 6.30 P.M.

KICK-OFF: 9.30 P.M.

England oozing confidence but USA may be a tough nut to crack for Kane's men

Reuters
DOHA

If you're good enough, you're old enough, so the saying goes, and the young guns of England and the United States added credence to that theory with eye-catching performances in their opening games this week.

On Friday the two meet in Al Khor where England's Jude Bellingham and Bukayo Saka will try to match the levels they reached in the victory over Iran which put Gareth Southgate's side in command of Group B.

England, though, has yet to beat the United States in World Cup meetings. But it will be oozing confidence after an emphatic return to form against Iran.

Point of worry: England manager Southgate will be hoping that Kane is able to shake off his ankle niggle. REUTERS

Despite that England will be extremely mindful of Gregg Berhalter's callow American squad which, with an average age of 25, is the second youngest of the 32 teams in Qatar.

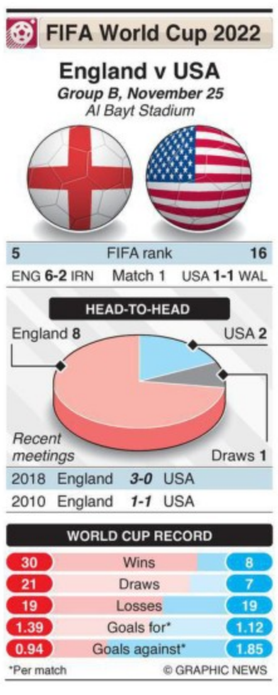
Having not qualified in 2018, Berhalter, like Southgate, has put his faith in youth and is being rewarded, even if there was a sense of disappointment that a team which began with 11 World Cup debutants against Wales could not see out the victory.

Southgate said he did not enjoy the latter stages of England's thrashing of Iran, annoyed that his side had switched off and conceded a couple of goals.

Athletic team

An athletic United States will be a far harder nut to crack though with several of their players seasoned Premier League performers such as Chelsea forward Christian Pulisic and Leeds United youngster Brenden Aaronson.

England has a slight worry over captain Harry Kane's ankle but could have defender Kyle Walker back in contention on Friday, although midfielder James Maddison is still troubled by a knee injury.



KICK-OFF: 12.30 A.M. (SAT)

INBRIEF

Valencia and Depay hold the key in needle clash

The contest between Ecuador striker Enner Valencia (*left*) and Netherlands forward Memphis Depay could decide who wins on Friday. The two forwards have different styles – Valencia is more powerful and direct, Depay more subtle and skilled – but are equally important to their sides. A win for either team would move it to six points and put it in command of Group A with one game to play.

Host Qatar must conquer nerves before facing Senegal

Host Qatar knows it must not let nerves get the better of it again on Friday as it faces African champion Senegal needing to take something from its second Group A encounter or face an early exit from the tournament. Defeat at the Al Thumama Stadium would ensure Asian champion Qatar becomes only the second World Cup host to fail to get past the first round after South Africa in 2010. Senegal let slip a positive start by conceding two late goals against the Netherlands in on Monday, with goalkeeper Edouard Mendy partly to blame.

Spirited Wales takes on Iran with knockouts in sight

After earning a crucial point in its opening match against the United States, Wales returns to the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium on Friday knowing that a win over Iran would put it in a strong position to reach the knockouts. The Welsh are tied for second place with the United States in Group B on one point. Wales' draw was a result of a change of tactics by coach Rob Page at halftime as he introduced target man Kieffer Moore (*in pic*), who changed the game and brought it back into the contest after it trailed in the first half. "Lessons have been learned," Page said. "It was important we didn't lose the game."

Making hay: Cilic and Croatia made the most of Spain sans Nadal and Alcaraz. GETTY IMAGES

Croatia and Italy make the semis

DAVIS CUP

Agence France-Presse
MALAGA

Marin Cilic led Croatia into the Davis Cup semifinals, knocking out six-time champion Spain, which was missing the world's two top-ranked players Carlos Alcaraz and Rafael Nadal. Croatia will take on Australia for a place in the final.

Former U.S. Open champion and World No. 17 Cilic fought back to defeat 13th-ranked Pablo Carreno Busta 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (5) after Borna Coric had beaten Roberto Bautista Agut 6-4, 7-6(4).

Cilic, 34, who made his Davis Cup debut in 2006, dropped the first set, gave up a break in the decider and was 1-4 down in the tie-break before triumphing after three hours and 13 minutes.

In another quarterfinal, Italy beat back the United States' challenge 2-1 to advance.

After Frances Tiafoe had lost his singles against Lorenzo Sonego, Taylor Fritz pulled USA level with a win over Lorenzo Musetti.

However, Simone Bolelli and Fabio Fognini won the deciding doubles against Tommy Paul and Jack Sock to take the Italians through.

The results: Quarterfinals:
Croatia 2 bt Spain 0 [Borna Coric bt Roberto Bautista Agut 6-4, 7-6(4); Marin Cilic bt Pablo Carreno Busta 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (5)]
Italy 2 bt USA 1 [Lorenzo Sonego bt Frances Tiafoe a 6-3 7-6(7); Lorenzo Musetti lost to Taylor Fritz 6-7(8), 3-6; Fabio Fognini & Simone Bolelli bt Jack Sock & Tommy Paul 6-4, 6-4].

India expected to turn over a new leaf as ODI campaign begins today

INDIA IN NZ

Press Trust of India
AUCKLAND

On the mat for an archaic approach in T20Is, Team India is expected to turn a new leaf as it takes on New Zealand in a three-match One-Day International series here on Friday.

Five seniors – skipper Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, K.L. Rahul, pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah and No. 1 ODI all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja – are not part of this series.

In ODIs in the last two years, Shikhar Dhawan has scored nearly 1000 runs. This is the only international format he plays, but, since T20 gets precedence, his appearances have been sporadic.

Looking good

In the meantime, Shubman Gill has shown his prowess as an ODI opener with an average of 57 plus and a strike-rate of 100 plus. Shreyas Iyer has been one of India's consistent ODI players despite his problems with the short ball and Suryakumar Yadav is in the form of his life.

Sanju Samson, the brilliant talent from Kerala, with his wide range of strokes can't be ignored for a long time and Deepak Hooda brings his all-round skills to the table.

There are three 50-over games in the space of five days and fast bowlers' recovery period will be crucial.

Deepak Chahar is expected to start and is likely to have the seasoned Shardul Thakur for company since both offer decent batting options down the order. Arshdeep Singh is likely to be the third option but he has been constantly playing so there could be a chance to check out Kuldeep Sen or an Umran Malik. Washington Sundar is also likely to be in the playing XI.

Formidable attack

New Zealand's core for the series is more or less the same as in the T20s. With Tim Southee, tearaway quicks Adam Milne, Lockie Ferguson, Matt Henry and spinner Mitchell Santner, the home team's attack looks formidable.

Add to it all-rounders Daryl Mitchell and Jimmy Neesham, the attack wears an even more menacing look.

All the best! Rival captains Dhawan and Williamson at Eden Park on Thursday. PTI

India-New Zealand H2H in ODIs

	Matches	India	New Zealand	Tied	NR
Overall	110	55	49	1	5
In New Zealand	42	14	25	1	2

The schedule

First ODI: Nov. 25, Auckland	Second ODI: Nov. 27, Hamilton	Third ODI: Nov. 30, Christchurch

All matches start at 7 a.m. IST

The squads:
India: Shikhar Dhawan (Capt.), Shubman Gill, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Rishabh Pant (wk), Sanju Samson (wk), Deepak Hooda, Shahbaz Ahmed, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Deepak Chahar, Arshdeep Singh, Shardul Thakur, Kuldeep Sen and Umran Malik.
New Zealand: Kane Williamson (Capt.), Finn Allen, Devon Conway, Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Glenn Phillips, Michael Bracewell, Tim Southee, Matt Henry, Adam Milne, Jimmy Neesham, Mitchell Santner and Lockie Ferguson.
Match starts at 7 a.m. IST.

Shining stars: Nandhakumar's injury time strike hurt CFC after Mauricio, right, had netted the second for OFC. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

Nandhakumar breaks Chennaiyin hearts

ISL-9

Press Trust of India
BHUBANESWAR

Odisha FC scored a last-gasp goal to beat Chennaiyin FC 3-2 in a thrilling Indian Super League match here on Thursday.

A 97th-minute goal from Nandhakumar Sekar clinched the win for the Juggernauts after Chennaiyin FC had scored the equaliser in the 94th minute through El Khayati's penalty. Odisha FC went ahead after the half-hour mark, courtesy an own goal by Vafa Hakhamaneshi.

CFC made two changes at half-time, with El Khayati and Rahim Ali replacing Julius Duker and Sajal Bag. Odisha, too, made a substitution at the break that raised a few eyebrows as Pedro Martin was replaced by Diego Mauricio.

Just two minutes into the second half, Odisha was awarded a penalty after Panwar was brought down inside the box by Prasanth Karuthadathkuni. Mauricio smashed the ball home, ending his five-game drought.

CFC equalised at the hour-mark when Ajith Kumar curled a ball into the box, Petar Sliskovic flicked it on with his head and Khayati coolly slotted home. Khayati scored again in the 94th minute off a penalty when Saul Crespo brought down Vafa in the box. However, Nandhakumar pounced on a stray ball to slam home.

Odisha moved to third, level on 15 points with Mumbai City FC. CFC lies seventh with 10 points.

The result: Odisha 3 (Vafa 31-og, Mauricio 49-pen, Nandhakumar 90+7) bt Chennaiyin 2 (Khayati 60 & 90+4-pen).

INBRIEF

Castaneda's goal gives Sreenidhi Deccan full points

Sreenidhi Deccan FC scored a 1-0 win over TRAU FC in the inaugural match on their home turf Deccan Arena in the Hero I-League football championship in Hyderabad on Thursday. David Castaneda netted the match-winner in the 41st minute to give Sreenidhi its second win in three games this season. In the other match in Mumbai, Churchill Brothers held Kenkre to a 1-1 draw. After Azfar Noorani had put Kenkre ahead in the sixth minute, Lalkhawpuimawia equalised in the 84th minute.

Abhay loses in pre-quarters of Weybridge PSA Challenger

Fourth seed Abhay Singh was beaten 8-11, 13-11, 11-4, 12-14, 11-9 by Miles Jenkins in the pre-quarterfinals of the PSA Challenger squash tournament in Weybridge, England.

Saalim takes lead in youth men's 10m rifle event

Saalim (Uttar Pradesh) shot into the lead, with 628 points, in 10m rifle in the youth men's section of the 65th National rifle shooting championships at the Vattiyoorkavu Shooting Range in Thiruvananthapuram on Thursday. Saalim came up with a consistent performance to overtake overnight leader Bhanu Pratap Choudhary (Rajasthan) slipped to second with 627.3 points. Suryadeep Tomar (U.P.) was in the third spot with 623.4 points and Talwar Singh of Haryana climbed into the fourth spot with 622.8 points. In the sub-junior category, Bhanu Pratap with 627.3 points was ahead of Tarun Aditya Inampudi (Karnataka, 622.2) and Vedant Nitin Waghmare (Maharashtra, 621.1).

India-A to face off against India-D in the final

India-B registers an exciting four-wicket win over India-C; the latter finishes its campaign with an all-loss record

Equal partners: India-A's Sahana, Anjali, Amanjot and Saika bagged two wickets apiece. P.K. AJITH KUMAR

T20 CHALLENGER

P.K. Ajith Kumar
RAIPUR

They hunted as a pack.

Fine spells from medium-pacers Anjali Sarvani and Amanjot Kaur and spinners Sahana Pawar and Saika Ishaque, who shared eight wickets evenly among them, not just brought the high-flying India-D to the ground in a Women's T20 Challenger match here on Thursday, but took India-A to the summit clash.

In the final to be played on Saturday, the two teams will come face to face once again. India-B's exciting four-wicket win – with just a ball to spare – against India-C wasn't enough. In the three-way tie, India-D and India-A had better net run rates.

India-C lost all its matches, but it may have fancied its chances after posting 140 for six, a more-than-decent total. A fine, fighting knock from Devika Vaidya (41 n.o., 27b, 6x4), however, dashed those hopes.

Left-arm seamer Komal Zanzad had struck twice in her second over – her first victim was the dangerous Shafali Verma – to derail India-B's chase at the beginning.

But, useful knocks from skipper Deepti Sharma (26, 18b) and Humaira Kazi (20, 20b) kept their side in the game. Nishu Choudhary (24, 15b) lent support to Devika as the pair added 36 crucial runs for the sixth wicket. Two runs were required off the last two balls when wicketkeeper Tania Bhatia hit Saranya Gadwal over the packed in-field on the off-side.

The scores:
India-D 92 in 19.4 overs (Ashwani Kumari 31, Anjali Sarvani 2/11, Sahana Pawar 2/17, Saika Ishaque 2/8, Amanjot Kaur 2/7) lost to India-A 95/3 in 18.1 overs (Shivali Shinde 27).
India-C 140/6 in 20 overs (S. Meghana 26, Priya Puniya 27, Pooja Vastrakar 27, Simran Shaikh 32, Deepti Sharma 3/39, Arudhanti Reddy 3/28) lost to India-B 141/6 in 19.5 overs (Deepti 26, Devika Vaidya 41 n.o., Komal Zanzad 2/17, Pooja Vastrakar 2/33).

Shakib Al Hasan returns to ODI fold for India series

CRICKET

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Shakib Al Hasan will return to the one-day fold for Bangladesh in the series against India to be played next month.

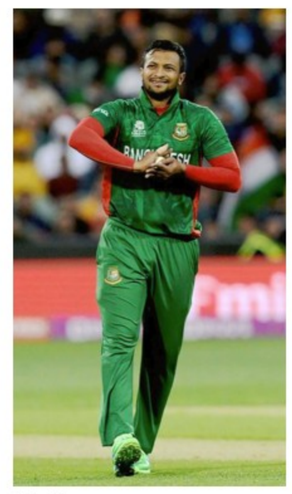
Shakib took a break from Bangladesh's last two ODI series against West Indies and Zimbabwe but led the national side in the T20 World Cup in Australia.

India arrives in Bangladesh on December 1 for its first bilateral series there since 2015.

The first two ODIs will be held in Dhaka on December 4 and 7 while the third will be played at Chittagong on December 10.

India will also play two Tests.

The squad: Tamim Iqbal (Capt.), Litton Das, Anamul Haque, Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Afif Hossain, Yasir Ali, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Mustafizur Rahman, Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud, Ebadot Hossain, Nasum Ahmed, Mahmudullah Riyad, Najmul Hossain and Nurul Hasan.



Shakib. AFP

Ticket sales for Hockey World Cup begins

Y. B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Ticket sales of the men's Hockey World Cup, to be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13 to 29, began on Thursday.

Marking the 50-day countdown of the event, former India captain and Hockey India (HI) president Dilip Tirkey gave the first ticket to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik in Bhubaneswar.

Ticket sales began online from 1 p.m. on Thursday at *https://insider.in/online*. Tickets have been priced between ₹200 and ₹500 for India match days and between ₹100 and ₹500 for non-India match days. Each ticket allows a spectator to watch the entire day's proceedings at the respective venue.

In a welcome gesture, HI announced that the country's hockey Olympians and former internationals would be given complimentary tickets to watch the event.

Symbolic start: HI president Dilip Tirkey handing over the first ticket to Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik. TWITTER/THEHOCKEYINDIA

Briar Ridge should deliver in feature

HYDERABAD: The four-year-old gelding Briar Ridge, who ran second in his last start, should make amends in the upper division of the Raja Narasimha Rao Memorial Cup, the main event of Friday's (Nov. 25) races here.

1 ROYAL TERN PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), 4-y-o & upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.45 p.m.: 1. Char Ek Char (5) Mukesh Kumar 60, 2. Different (7) P. Ajeeth Kumar 60, 3. Star Racer (1) Aneel 59.5, 4. Flamingo Fame (2) Akshay Kumar 57.5, 5. Gusty Note (4) A.A. Vikrant 55, 6. Coming Home (3) D.S. Deora 54, 7. Hot Seat (6) Md. Ismail 54, 8. Blue Label (8) Surya Prakash 52 and 9. Blazing Jupiter (9) Vivek G 50.5.

1. CHAR EK CHAR, 2. FLAMINGO FAME, 3. DIFFERENT

2 NALGONDA CUP (DIV. II) (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.15: 1. Mr. Perfect (4) Mukesh Kumar 60, 2. Hugh Capet (1) D.S. Deora 59, 3. Desert Sultan (7) Akshay Kumar 58, 4. Vision Of Rose (2) Koushik 57, 5. Hoping Cloud (6) Mohit Singh 56, 6. Royal Pal (8) R.S. Jodha 54.5, 7. Exclusive Luck (5) Md. Ismail 53.5 and 8. Bijli (3) Abhay Singh 53.

1. HUGH CAPET, 2. DESERT SULTAN, 3. EXCLUSIVE LUCK

3 RAJA NARASIMHA RAO MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. II) (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 2.45: 1. DRD (6) P. Sai Kumar 60, 2. The Image (2) Gaurav Singh 55.5, 3. Dyanoosh (4) P. Ajeeth Kumar 54.5, 4. Cosmic Run (3) Koushik 54, 5. Ok Boss (1) Khurshad Alam 53.5, 6. Ambitious Star (7) Afroz Khan 53, 7. Bangor On Dee (5) D.S. Deora 51.5 and 8. Stag's Leap (8) Santosh Raj 51.5.

1. THE IMAGE, 2. DRD, 3. DYANOOSH

4 NALGONDA CUP (DIV. I) (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 3.15: 1. Unmatched (2) Surya Prakash 60, 2. True Marshal (8) Akshay Kumar 58.5, 3. Candy Girl (1) R.S. Jodha 57.5, 4. Ice Berry (3) Aneel 56.5, 5. Alpine Girl (6) P. Sai Kumar 55, 6. Spectacular Cruise (4) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55, 7. Challenger (5) Gaurav Singh 52.5 and 8. Protocol (7) Md. Ismail 52.5.

1. TRUE MARSHAL, 2. CANDY GIRL, 3. SPECTACULAR CRUISE

5 BRAVE DANCER PLATE (1,200m) (Terms), 3-y-o and upward (Cat. II), 3.45: 1. Ballerina (7) Akshay Kumar 61.5, 2. N R I Sport (6) G. Naresh 60, 3. Red Snaper (3) Afroz Khan 60, 4. Soloist (9) Abhay Singh 58.5, 5. Amyra (5) Mukesh Kumar 58, 6. Kingston (10) Gaurav Singh 58, 7. Staridar (8) Kiran Naidu 58, 8. Stunning Force (4) Md. Ismail 58, 9. Trump Star (2) A.A. Vikrant 58 and 10. Xfinity (1) P. Ajeeth Kumar 58.

1. BALLERINA, 2. SOLOIST, 3. KINGSTON

6 RAJA NARASIMHA RAO MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I) (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 4.15: 1. Lifes Song (8) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Able Love (1) B. Nikhil 56.5, 3. Carlisle (4) D.S. Deora 53.5, 4. Briar Ridge (5) Santosh Raj 53, 5. All Time Legend (7) P. Ajeeth Kumar 52.5, 6. Top Diamond (3) Md. Ismail 52.5, 7. Castlerock (2) Rafique Sk. 51 and 8. Malibu (6) Afroz Khan 50.5.

1. BRIAR RIDGE, 2. LIFES SONG, 3. CARLISLE

7 ROYAL TERN PLATE (DIV. II) (1,200m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 4.45: 1. Above The Law (2) Md. Ismail 60, 2. Doe A Deer (7) Aneel 60, 3. Top In Class (3) Akshay Kumar 60, 4. Garnet (8) A.A. Vikrant 57.5, 5. Baisa (1) Kiran Naidu 55, 6. Precious Gift (4) P. Sai Kumar 54, 7. Star Cruise (6) Vivek G 54 and Delhi Heights (5) B. Nikhil 51.

1. TOP IN CLASS, 2. PRECIOUS GIFT, 3. ABOVE THE LAW

Day's Best: **THE IMAGE**
Jackpot: 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.
Mini Jackpot: (i) 1, 2, 3 & 4. (ii) 4, 5, 6 & 7.
Treble: (i) 2, 3 & 4, (ii) 5, 6 & 7.
Tanala: All races.

Rishabh, Sachin shine in indoor international events

ARCHERY

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Compound archer Rishabh Yadav and recurve archer Sachin Gupta have given fine performances in recently held international indoor events.

Rishabh won the men's individual gold medal at the J.V.D. Open, a Kings of Archery Series event, in Eindhoven, Netherlands.

He defeated Dutch superstar and World No. 1 Mike Schloesser 180-179 in the final round to become the first Indian archer to secure a gold medal in an elite international indoor event.

Rishabh lost to Schloesser 149-146 in the quarterfinals of the G.T. Open, at Stressen, Luxembourg.

Sachin claimed men's individual silver medals in the J.V.D. Open and the G.T. Open.

Losing to Wiljer

Sachin was beaten by Steve Wiljer of the Netherlands 180-179 in the final round of the J.V.D. Open.

He lost to Frenchman Florent Mulot 6-0 (30-28, 29-28, 30-29) in the final of the G.T. Open.

The Indian archers' performances assume significance as World Archery (WA) has issued a new ruling, making it mandatory for the archers to participate in at least two Indoor World Archery Series events in order to obtain world rankings.

WA has also proposed the inclusion of indoor compound events in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

SNAPSHOTS

Good show by Indian boxers at Youth World Championships

Seven Indian boxers – Vanshaj (*in pic*), Vishwanath Suresh and Ashish in the men's section and Kirti, Bhawna Sharma, Devika Ghorpade and Ravina in the women's – moved into the finals at the men's and women's Youth World Boxing Championships in La Nucia, Spain.

India draws with Uzbekistan in first round of semifinals

Vidit Gujrathi fought back from an inferior position to salvage an important draw to complement S.L. Narayanan's brilliant victory on the third board as India and Uzbekistan drew 2-2 in their first round of the semifinals in the World team chess championship in Jerusalem on Thursday. Nihal Sarin drew on the second board before S.P. Sethuraman squandered some early advantage to lose on the fourth board.

The results (semifinals, first round): Uzbekistan drew with India 2-2 (Nodirbek Yakubboev drew with Vidit Gujrathi; Javokhir Sindarov drew with Nihal Sarin; Shamsiddin Vokhidov lost to S.L. Narayanan; Jakhongir Vakhidov bt S. P. Sethuraman); China drew with Spain 2-2.

Quarterfinals (second round): France bt India 3-1 (tie-breaker); India bt France 2.5-1.5 (Maxime Vachier-Lagrave drew with Vidit Gujrathi; Jules Moussard lost to Nihal Sarin; Laurent Fressinet lost to S.L. Narayanan; Maxime Lagarde bt K. Sasikiran);

China drew with Poland 2-2; Spain bt Azerbaijan 2.5-1.5; Uzbekistan bt Ukraine 1.5-2.5).

LIVE TELECAST

New Zealand vs India: 1st ODI, Prime Video, 7 a.m.

Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan: 1st ODI, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 p.m.

FIFA World Cup 2022: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)

ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards

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24.11.2022 **SECRETARY**

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(ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
IN THE MATTER OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 66, 52 AND 61 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF PRESTIGE MYSORE RETAIL VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
(Presently known as Nexus Mysore Retail Private Limited)
CP No. 96 /BB/ 2021

PRESTIGE MYSORE RETAIL VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
(Presently known as Nexus Mysore Retail Private Limited)
CIN: U70200KA2007PTC044784
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...PETITIONER COMPANY

NOTICE OF ORDER CONFIRMING REDUCTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

Notice is hereby given that, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal at Bengaluru by its order dated the October 19, 2022, confirmed the Reduction of Share Capital of the above-named company, wherein the members of the above company resolved to reduce its equity share capital from Rs. 43,19,01,860/- (Rupees Forty-Three Crores Nineteen Lakhs One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Only) consisting of 4,31,90,186 (Four Crores Thirty-One Lakhs Ninety Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-Six) equity shares of Rs. 10/- each to Rs. 4,31,90,186/- (Rupees Four Crores Thirty-One Lakhs Ninety Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-Six Only) consisting of 4,31,90,186 (Four Crores Thirty-One Lakhs Ninety Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-Six) shares of Re. 1/- (Rupee One) each fully paid up.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2022

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No.: GUK:Admin – 1:GL::2022-23:2157 Date: 23.11.2022

NOTIFICATION

Applications in Duplicate are invited from eligible Candidates for availing services of Full Time/Part Time Guest Lecturers as per U.G.C. Rules to manage the teaching workload of various post graduate subjects for the year 2022-23 at Main Premises of Gulbarga University, Post Graduate Center, Bidar, Basavakalyan and Aland. Interested candidates should submit filled applications with all documents to Chairman/Co-ordinator of the respective Departments in the Main Premises to reach within 5.30 PM on **30.11.2022.** Application form, educational qualification, details of departments, mode of application fee payment and other such details are available in the website of the University **(www.gug.ac.in)**

Note: 1) These posts are purely Temporary 2) Remuneration for the selected Guest Lecturers will be given as per the University Rules.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/878/MC&A/2022-23 **Sd/- Registrar**
Gulbarga University, Kalaburagi

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DEPTARTMENT)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.R.E. DIVISION BIDAR.

No: EE/PRED/BDR/TS-3/2022-23/2148 Date: 23.11.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers, for 08 works approved under KKRDB for the year 2022-23 schemes as per KW-01, 02 and 03 in Single Cover and Two Cover System. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum Rs. 13,36,381.04 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighty One and paise four only) & Maximum Rs. 84,81,682.28 (Rupees Eighty Four Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two and paise Twenty Eight only) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on 24.11.2022 to or before 16.00 hours up to 02.12.2022. Technical Bid will be opened on 03.12.2022 & Financial Bid will be opened on 07.12.2022 respectively. Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

DIPR/Bidar/337/MC&A/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer,**
P.R.E. Division, Bidar.

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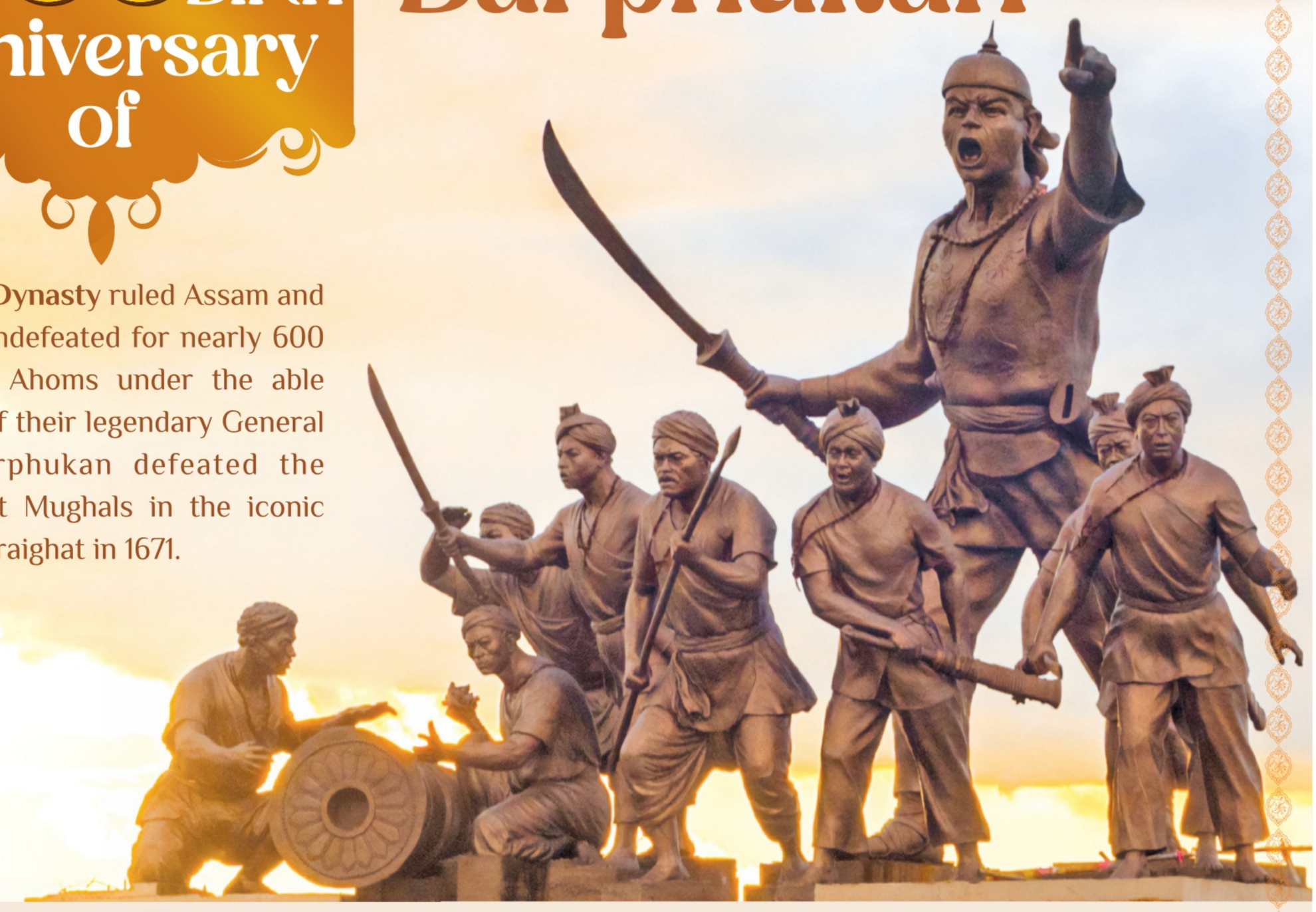

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Narendra Modi

Venue: Vigyan Bhawan
New Delhi

Date:
25th November, 2022
Time : 10:00 A.M.

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